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AS A TRIBUTE TO HIS HEROIC SERVICE

AND UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO

THE CAUSE OF

LIBERTY

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His Granddaughter of
the Ninth Generation

FOREWORD

THERE is just one objection to this book, and that is the title.

Twentieth-Century Musings is hardly appropriate. It should have been "Twenty-Second," or "Twenty-Fifth Century Musings."

The author of this book is ahead of her time. She is an exceptional thinker, and does not represent this century, but all centuries. What this woman knows now, may be known to all, two hundred years from now.

Truth is immortal. It is classic; and the classic is the thing that never grows old.

Here we find portable wisdom, nuggets of fact and sentiment fused.

The proverb, the epigram, the orphic saying, have come down to us from the days of Solomon.

Socrates made the world vastly his debtor by such homely commonsense sayings as this: "Do too much for a boy and he will never do much for himself."

Here is a sentiment that Plato puts into the mouth of Socrates, with the youth Alcibiades in mind. It is one of the things eternally true that has to be reiterated, restated, emphasized again and again.

¶ No thinking person can read these Musings without finding his own ideas here reflected.

My good friend, M. Clay Burbridge, says the things that we would all say—if we had the mind.

When we read them we say, "Yes, yes; that is what I always held." And there comes to us the dictum of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Speak your

thoughts today, for tomorrow you shall take them from another at secondhand."

The genius is the individual who catches the electric spark as it flashes through his mind, and transforms it into words.

Man is the instrument of deity. He is a divine transformer. And the great desire of Nature seems to be to evolve an individual who can express her meanings to the many.

This book is a mine of treasures to which literary workers and thinkers will be beholden.

Such proverbs as you will find here were never written offhand.

Thoughts like these come at unexpected times and places; and the author is the person who has the skill to seize and fix into simple words these eternal truths which enlarge and benefit and uplift our lives.

—ELBERT HUBBARD

BOOK ONE

Twentieth Century Musings

1

THE creation of beauty is every one's privilege. None are too rich, none are too poor, and to neglect it is perpetual loss. Forget not that in the glare of wealth and in the stress of poverty words fitly chosen add beauty to daily life. The ear should be served as artistically as the eye.

2

It is agreeable to hear priests affirm that the age of miracles is past and it would be more pleasing to have them acknowledge that it never was.

3

Let the wicked world sneer as it will, it adores virtue.

4

The presence of deceit is made manifest by its undue attention to intended prey.

5

A laudable course to pursue in regard to scandal: Hear if you must, but be not heard.

6

Grossness, however bedecked, is grossness still.

7

Hunger oftener leadeth a man from temptation than toward it, for it turneth him to industry.

8

Violent words fall far short when hurled at peace.

9

The thought that takes deep root in the mind usually flowers abundantly.

10

THE hills and the vales lying between youth and old age appear interminable when advancing; but when looking backward, age glances from summit to summit, and the way seems but a day's journey.

11

Though a cheat don the garb of honesty, it can not be made to fit him.

12

Directness is the child of sincerity.

13

When the mind flies high, the body can not remain in the mire.

14

Fortune will come to those who plead with persistency.

15

Any one who desires to be good can be—God's door is never closed against the vilest.

16

The eye of the soul may penetrate the mysteries of godliness.

17

The wisdom of discipline is known to the wise.

18

The civilization of one century is the barbarity of the next.

19

Intelligence outlineth the fairest countenance.

20

The life-song of many is riches; of others, pleasure, power or knowledge; but the truest notes ever sounded are the grand chords of justice.

21

When snobbery laughs at rusticity politeness retreats.

22

Bigotry and credulity roam much together in the ravines of fanaticism.

23

Every drunkard dallies with crime, and some day crime may dally with him.

24

A smile frequently fails, but love never.

25

For a man to make himself good is furthering the intent of his Creator.

26

The poison of asps lies in the words of deceit.

27

The head of temperance is bowed with shame when obliged to consort with intemperance.

28

Wherefore should a man wrap himself with iniquity and be vain of the display?

29

The preservation of morals is man's duty to man, but he it is who tramples them under the heel of appetite.

30

When crime in its terror cries out for help, the strong arm of the law is its only support.

31

Peradventure thou mayest meet a knave tomorrow: sharpen thy wits today.

32

Earn thy loaf honestly by day, that thy conscience may sleep at night.

33

Exercise thy talents daily, that they forsake thee not for livelier company.

34

BE near unto me at all times,O Thou that guideth, to sustain me when doubt creepeth behind and when fear runneth before. Lead me by the right hand into the wide fields of thought, where I may pluck at will the blossoms of eternal truth.

35

Nothing more offends bigotry than tolerance.

36

It is the part of a philosopher to be resigned to the inevitable, and it is thy part to be a philosopher.

37

The apology of parsimony—the sin of wastefulness.

38

Fold thy wings, O troubled soul, and rest thee from worry, that thou mayest be strong for whatever the future holds for thee.

39

Be not swift to win distinction without honor.

40

Be not so hopeful of the future that thou forgettest to perform the duties of this hour.

41

Labor not for selfishness: thou wilt lose in the end, though the world become thine.

42

Why fill thy soul with husks when there is abundant grain in the crib?

43

Fall into a line of action that will lead thee to usefulness and thence to Godliness.

44

Find thy true place, if thou canst; for as sure as thou art, there is a niche for thee.

45

IF the Devil of Theology were chained for a thousand years, would sin depart the world? When sin departs it will be at man's own bidding. Man has more control over sin than has this fallen angel of the imagination, and it were a sin the name were not forgotten and only deity remembered, for any name that conjures evil in the mind, in that same degree shuts out the beautiful.

46

Friendship that is brittle should be called by another name.

47

How sweet the sound of our mother-tongue in a foreign land, and as sweet the utterance of a kindred thought in a foreign atmosphere.

48

Whatever thou asketh in faith that is well for thee will fall into thy hand if it be constantly upraised.

49

To believe a lie robs one of the truth.

50

As soon as vice discovers virtue it tries to destroy it.

51

Every religion advertises to have the safest boat to ferry a soul across the Styx; but after all, methinks each one has to wade.

52

If it be thy pleasure to pursue a line of thought contrary to thy friend's opinion, the less thou tellest him of thy progress the more in peace thou mayest follow it to a conclusion.

53

Before thy soul leave thy body on its nightly pilgrimage, bid it depart in peace with the whole world, lest hatred bear thee downward.

54

When a stranger cometh thy way and asketh consolation, turn not thy face away nor withhold thy sympathy, for perchance the road forks at thy door, the one trailing to destruction, the other to instruction.

55

More restful a bed of leaves under the stars than a royal chamber of discontent.

56

Jealousy, like a skittish horse, is always running away at nothing.

57

Better art thou without friend or shelter than to pillow thy head with vice.

58

If thou wilt record thy acts each day, there will be at least one from which thou wilt desire to clip the rough edge.

59

The cleanest place in which to dwell is the whiteness of honesty.

60

Refrain from parading thy virtues, lest thy neighbor parade thy faults.

61

The gateway that leads to Heaven is through thine own soul.

62

Individuals are like so many figures in a row or so many letters in a line, and only when combinations are made is it possible to estimate their value and relation to one another.

63

The day that thy pride becomes vanity, cut it out with the sickle of reproof.

64

Vulgarity lends an ear to scandal and an eye to folly.

65

Whatever may be thy fear of dying, it will pass away at the moment.

66

If thy thoughts be vile, keep pure thy lips, that thy associates escape contamination.

67

Whoso denieth a truth loseth the blessing of knowledge.

68

The fondest memory that can be carried from earth is that of having been just and honorable toward all men.

69

Idleness hath no part in progress.

70

The sting of sin blights the fruit of life.

71

Let the people of Earth live without discord and the day of their bondage is over.

72

A most commendable thing about skepticism is its determination not to accept any proposition without examination.

73

To turn night into day is a conflict with Nature which she oftener wins than thou.

74

Fret not thyself because of poverty, but keep thy strength to conquer it.

75

The wise dame will see to it that her lord hath his fill before she introduces him to novelty.

76

Give thyself only good thoughts, and thou wilt have none other to give thy neighbors.

77

THERE is enough love in the universe to clothe all mankind and not exhaust the supply; therefore take ye of it and say to another, "There is enough for thee and thine."

78

Love no evil and thou wilt love all good.

79

Labor is the tonic of the world.

80

God knoweth whither He is leading us, yet by our capers we doubt His wisdom and would remain as we are.

81

Whenever we are visited by folly we are humiliated.

82

The greatest annoyance can be overcome by persistent thought.

83

So great is the miser's trust in his gold that he piles it about him, cheating himself into the belief that it will preserve him from the common fate of others.

84

The world is our heaven if we will.

85

Make fear subservient to thy bidding and let it not consume thee at any time.

86

Fear is a tyrant that oppresses every class.

87

Fear hateth all mankind, and in its company is only misery.

88

Fear loveth no man, nor hath it the semblance of affection.

89

Our lives may be ordered by Fate, but it would seem that we have much to do with the result, and that Fate is ever ready to lean to our suggestions.

90

Take ye no advantage over youth nor age. The two extremes the strong must protect.

91

Each day gather up the loose threads of thy life, that if thou diest without warning the end will not ravel.

92

When the lips form a smile it is a brave frown that dare approach.

93

It is more dangerous to do good amongst the evil than to do evil amongst the good.

94

Thou wilt find treachery dwelling in refinement, but thou mayest look for it in coarseness.

95

Wisdom delights in tranquillity, but folly delights in noise.

96

Sickness runneth before a smile and laughter scattereth a host of trouble.

97

It is wiser to place thy mind on the morrow's dawn than upon yesterday's close.

98

Think only good and thou wilt do only good, for thou canst not do evil whilst thinking good.

99

If thou dost sorely need, if thou seekest with both physical and mental energy, thou wilt surely find relief.

100

SCIENCE smiles at superstition and superstition calls science unholy; but time must bring the latter into a more temperate mood, and the proffered hand of the former will then be accepted in a right spirit.

101

Whoso speaketh ill of another defaceth his own soul.

102

Laughter is a merry monarch to sit upon the throne of circumstance.

103

Gloom shrinks from laughter and hideth at its approach.

104

Whoso seeketh knowledge seeketh God.

105

Whoso lieth maketh an indelible stain upon his character.

106

Whoso trusteth cultivates faith.

107

Whoso grumbleth depriveth himself of ease.

108

Whoso loveth discord inviteth discontent.

109

Whoso maketh mischief loveth iniquity.

110

Whoso helpeth another in need receiveth instant blessing.

111

Whoso gathereth knowledge gaineth contentment.

112

As a lost moment can never be found, it behooves thee to be careful of so precious a possession.

113

IT is the closing hour of the year, and I ask thee, O my soul, art thou purer than thou wert when the year was ushered in three hundred and sixty-five days ago? And my soul answers, Yea, yet it dost not tell me that it is of a dazzling whiteness; therefore will I interrogate it one year hence if I be here, and may I receive a prompt and a pleasing answer.

114

Whoso delighteth in anger seeketh destruction.

115

Though thy life abound with successes, thou hast failed if thou hast not become acquaint with thine own soul.

116

No one on earth admires a scold; why then cultivate so hateful a habit?

117

A beautiful thought when put into words and passed down the ages, though retaining its beauty, loses something of force.

118

Quarrels bring discontent, and discontent estrangements to the very undoing of love.

119

Carry me a thousand leagues to sea and there will I find my God and my heaven within my own self.

120

Why should I expect sympathy and love from the world when I withhold it, and why should I withhold it when I crave it?

121

Let the dew of wisdom fall upon my parchèd soul, that I may lift mine eyes and behold the bountiful giver of all good.

122

Whoso loveth peace most loveth God and men.

123

THE hour of our going out is marked on the dial of life by the hand of the Lawgiver, but the exact moment is withheld from us, lest we take advantage of it by doing too much or too little in our allotted time.

124

In our search for happiness we often overlook it by seeking it too far beyond ourselves.

125

Sometimes the step from truth to falsehood is so short, that many, not perceiving it, stumble.

126

A liar is a cheat and therefore not respectable.

127

In the night of thy temptation think of the morning.

128

As there is probably no end to life, there probably never was a beginning, but that which is always was in the various forms and conditions that Evolution adopts in its devious workings toward perfection.

129

To despise that which is false leads to truth.

130

Refrain from too frequent confession of thy faults, lest thy hearers forget thy virtues.

131

To adore that which is beautiful is ennobling.

132

Show me a man who loves his stomach much and I will show thee selfishness.

133

We are but the commonest of soil unless we are growing some beautiful characteristics.

134

The final effect of passion on thyself is the shaping of a soul bearing no resemblance to that which thou wert given.

135

Fear is augmented by ignorance and ignorance is augmented by fear, and these two enemies of man are leagued to undo him.

136

Many times character and reputation are at variance and men are deceived, but the mask eventually falls, revealing beauty, ugliness, virtues and faults that amaze closest friends.

137

To reach a conclusion without due process of reasoning is as absurd as pronouncing on the merits and demerits of a picture before it is painted.

138

A bad dog loves praise no less than a good dog. If doubtful test this on both man and dog.

139

Gather up the fragments of the day's conversation and perchance thou mayest find one helpful thought for tomorrow's need.

140

If thou hast an enemy burden him with obligation and he will be less inclined to remain near thee.

141

Whatsoever thou hast to give let love go with it.

142

Crime is so costly that no one on earth is rich enough to indulge in it without ruin.

143

If thou lettest thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth, let it be solely with the intention of obtaining its assistance.

144

Salvation depends not upon any belief, but upon the doing of right as ascertained by reasoning from causes to effects.

145

Prudence is economy—it costs less than folly.

146

Contentment comes to those whose lives are ordered by peace and justice.

147

Feebleness of mind comes with feebleness of purpose.

148

When thou hast a big porringer thou mayest eat with a ladle, but when thou hast a little porringer a ladle will empty it too soon for thy satisfaction. Therefore let circumstances govern even in small affairs.

149

If thou prepare for a storm in dry weather, it will save thee much discomfort and thou mayest also enjoy the storm.

150

Be direct. If asked the way to Rome do not point to the moon.

151

To predict the future consult the present.

152

The structure we build we must live in forever—then let us lay the foundation with care.

153

When a man goes to sleep under an apple-tree, trusting that an apple may fall into his mouth, it is an evidence of faith that makes industry marvel.

154

The field of knowledge covers the universe, and the grass is always long for those who would browse therein.

155

He who carries a burden of guilt is bound to an iron master, who will lash him whenever he stops to think, and prod him cruelly when he tries to forget.

156

The tiniest thought of evil casts a shadow athwart the soul.

157

Whet not the appetite of lust, for verily it will slay both body and mind.

158

The early fruit of intemperance is disgust; the late fruit disgrace.

159

The light of the past, present and future is reason.

160

Reason is to the mind what the sun is to the earth.

161

Neither spendthrift nor miser are fit for master nor servant.

162

The heavy heel of indifference tramps upon him who falls on the hill to fortune.

163

To obtain the best in life, make thyself the best.

164

Give unto every child that asketh a fair answer, and if in doubt be not ashamed to say, " I know not."

165

Purity can not abide with sin, and it hath no affinity for aught that finds pleasure in intemperance.

166

Be kinder to thyself, O sinner, for the day will come when thou wilt weep because thou hast been cruel to thine own soul and trailed it in the mire of animalism.

167

Whatsoever there is of good in me I dedicate it to thee, O infinite and indulgent Father; and whatsoever of evil I have I ask deliverance from it, that I may be able to climb the heights where Thou dwellest.

168

The lesson to be learned today is thyself.

169

A chronic faultfinder should be his or her own servant; then censure will partly fall where it is due.

170

Hatred is a subtle and destructive poison, and its victims are numerous.

171

It is easier to catch an expression than to hold it; easier to grasp a thought than to retain it, and most difficult to keep a resolution after making it.

172

Few are the joys of life compared with the griefs, yet 't is the griefs that point to the star of hope and the crosses that make us to call upon the All-Wise.

173

Safety is the friend of caution.

174

Prepare thy mind to receive one truth each day from the perpetual source and it will be given thee.

175

When you are good, be great if you can; and when you are great, be good.

176

There are a thousand gates open to sin, but only one to purity.

177

If thy heart is humiliated, though thou mayest nudge the countenance often, it will betray its sympathy.

178

IF I sigh for love, I am laughed at; if I beg for it, I am refused; if I fight for it, I am punished; if I die for it, I am forgotten; if I barter for it, I am scorned. There is no way that I can obtain it proudly but by noble effort.

179

The pleasure that comes from viewing beauty should be an incentive to create it in ourselves and our surroundings.

180

Place a cannon at the gate of thy conscience if necessary, to repulse dishonesty.

181

Destroy the root of evil in thine own life, and thou hast done much toward bettering the world.

182

Helpful is every good resolve, but most helpful when unbroken.

183

It is foolish to climb the fence when the gate is open, yet this is what many do when approaching the Father's house.

184

Be not laggards. It was decreed in the beginning that man work out his own civilization.

185

Without experience and reflection, progress would languish.

186

Directness and sincerity are the offspring of kindness.

187

The quickness with which we find a fault should help us to as quickly find a virtue.

188

The price of experience is known to the buyers of it.

189

Although the world is so full of love, it is so precious that money can not purchase it, nor begging obtain it.

190

Forget not thou art mortal, and thou mayest be better prepared for immortality.

191

Solitary indeed is the condition of him who has no one to think about but himself.

192

Time will turn the most poignant grief into an idyl that is good for the heart to chant.

193

Tell me the beginning and I will venture a conclusion, but tell me the conclusion and I may fail to find the cause.

194

A lost opportunity can never be found, and most of the failures in life are the result of such loss.

195

The light that shines from knowledge is different from that which shines from wisdom.

196

Love is the dream of all ages—but only the soul knows the dream from the reality.

197

The size of a sin is not measured by the provocation, but by the wrong committed.

198

Keep a check on thy imagination if thou wouldst have it serve thee skilfully.

199

Danger watcheth every hour at Folly's door to gain entrance.

200

THE first sip of young love is sweeter than honey, but the dregs of passion are wormwood. Is there then no vintage that men and women may quaff with lasting pleasure? There is: the love that groweth in the deep soil of the soul beareth fruit from which is pressed the wine of life. It quencheth all thirst and maketh the morning and the evening a delight and the midday a blessing.

201

The rulers of peoples, alas! are neither the wisest nor the best; they may be likened to the gilded ball that adorns the flagstaff under which floats the glorious flag.

202

It is wiser to perfect one gift than to cultivate many.

203

When opportunity raps at thy door, open it.

204

Hesitation is as close to success as to disaster.

205

A bright thought is the reflection of a divine ray.

206

He who speaketh to wound must sometime suffer.

207

Fear not: All that befalls thee may be added to thy strength and symmetry if thou wilt utilize with skill.

208

Ask not for a deluge, but be content with showers.

209

A forecast of tomorrow is the preparation of today.

210

As a last resort, ask yourself of the things that perplex, and thou mayest receive the best advice.

211

Listen, thou who lovest Nature, she whispers softly, and much that she would impart is lost if ear be dull.

212

Language may fail thee when beholding art, but thought never.

213

The visions of the mind please as much as the scenes spread before the eye.

214

To appear noble before thine own soul is more than thou canst do.

215

The doubt of immortality is the present inferno of the doubter.

216

Verily he who serves habit hath a pitiless master.

217

Idle curiosity consumeth the hours and maketh waste the mind.

218

He who striketh with spite must some day bare his own back to the same rod.

219

He who covereth his sins carefully from his friends exposeth his guilt plainly to himself.

220

Whoso prepareth a feast and inviteth no man to it hath no joy in partaking.

221

When the clerical shepherd slips on the path of rectitude, the sheep bleat and the wolves howl.

222

The voice of the imagination whispereth so many strange things that it is often rebuked when it whispereth truly.

223

The closer thou canst get to the prosperous, the greater thy chance that prosperity may smile on thee.

224

Whoso runneth after an enemy runneth after trouble.

225

Whoso bareth his heart inviteth a thrust.

226

Silence and thought are the closest of companions: when the world is shut out, they muse by the hour.

227

There are none so superficial but what greatness will impress.

228

The source of a gift makes it precious or burdensome.

229

Most blest of men is he whom the pursuit of knowledge satisfies.

230

The skill acquired in the art of deception can be put to no other use.

231

Generosity begins at the point that selfishness terminates.

232

That which we like not is ever at our elbow.

233

Form is eternal, but shapes come and go like the butterflies of the Summertime.

234

Innocence hath much faith in guilt.

235

When thou hast learned the art of true living, thou wilt know the best from the worst.

236

THE generations of men that come and go upon the earth leave an unseen impress on all things, and the reading thereof would make the true history of man.

237

The first thought of the pure mind against the wicked is condemnation; the second, pity; and the last, love.

238

Occasional falsehoods make frequent doubts.

239

Humiliation follows debasement until the moral nature is ossified.

240

Defeat runs after chance oftener than after method.

241

He who walks with prudence walks with good company, and though perchance not always brilliant it never leads to dishonor.

242

Whichever way men go trouble interferes to prevent perfect pleasure.

243

In the pathway of chance the least coveted springeth up, whilst the most wanted speedeth afar.

244

Be thyself, whatever and whoever confronts thee, and thou wilt feel better than to play a part.

245

It is more agreeable to commend than to complain, and were there more commending the causes for complaints would diminish.

246

Bitterness follows every moral defeat as naturally as ecstacy follows victory.

247

THE domain of science is wide enough to contain all the religions of earth, and into it will they all eventually slip and become scientific, and then may they hope to live alway.

248

The greatest of thieves is slothfulness: it robs of time, industry, energy, pleasure and the achievement of anything that life holds precious.

249

The fiercest storm that beats is against despoiled virtue.

250

Inasmuch as ye are not just ye are degraded.

251

A Liar is a robber of Truth.

252

Inexperience has no defense against the wiles of experience, and what is often condemned as lack of sense is really too great faith.

253

The next life is a sequel to this, and the closing chapter of the first book is an indication of the opening chapter of book second.

254

Wherever thou findest a fault, immediately look for a virtue.

255

To coerce a man to accept views contrary to his reason is like thrusting his head into a cask and expecting demonstration of joy thereat.

256

Inability to select ancestors should make us decent.

257

When the people are careless the weeds grow tall.

258

When sporting with riches, have a care lest thou strike against the sharp corners of uncharitableness.

259

Freedom is not wholly ours until we can form our own opinion without the bias of dictators.

260

Be thyself, however odd, rather than an imitator of another.

261

Without discrimination we grope in darkness, and when we fall we blame the obstacle which tripped us, instead of berating ourselves as we ought.

262

From the high mountains of science are the new writings to be given to the waiting multitude below.

263

Ethics inhere in the constitution of man, and when developed and comprehended he will require no restraints and demand no liberties, for he will know the code.

264

When thou findest peace thou hast found a jewel of heaven.

265

Free expression of thought makes vigorous growth of mind.

266

Miracles will be wrought when chance supersedes order, therefore they are neither probable nor desirable.

267

A lengthy debate does not argue ability, nor an angry one wisdom.

268

The truth is abrupt when frequently a falsehood is polite, which is the only thing pleasing about it.

269

WHEN walking in pleasant avenues amid the exotics and the fragrance of life, we scarce think of the toilers on the dusty highways and those who live in the swamps of crime or beg on the barren planes of want; but should our own steps be turned hitherward by a freak of misfortune, we would then perceive that there are the same gradings and shadings of character in unpleasant as in pleasant places.

270

The design of making man is not very apparent, but we know it was not for idleness but for work.

271

Improvidence is the almshouse turnpike.

272

The riches of the rich and the poverty of the poor are not sins; but the manner of arriving at these antipodes may count against them in the great day of their demise.

273

Society is not regulated by its extremes, but by the great middle public, who harmonize the two antagonistic ends.

274

To arraign poverty against wealth is to apply the consuming torch to the arts and sciences.

275

Society of all grades admires itself and looks with distrust upon outsiders.

276

For riches to grind want is to sharpen the blade wherewith to decapitate itself.

277

On the margin of thy memory write duty, and on thy heart write love; then art thou ready to be interrogated by thy conscience and acquitted of neglect.

278

WHEN once awakened to the fact that danger lurks in every error, there will be more individual thinking along religious lines, and less willingness to accept without investigation the cut and dried systems of a less enlightened era.

279

The opening of a flower is the spirit within seeking material expression, the better to perform its beautiful mission.

280

Hunger is the shadow of imprudence.

281

Meddlers will scratch in the domestic garden despite all efforts to keep them out.

282

With truth thou mayest go to the ends of the earth with safety, but it is dangerous to travel a league with a lie.

283

Twenty bad men wield not so much influence in a community as one good man who speaks his convictions and lives his principles.

284

Give a dog a bad name if he bites, but call him a good dog as long as possible.

285

If thou hast set the target of ambition high it is foolish to aim low.

286

Harmony proceedeth from all Nature, but whence cometh melody to man? It seemeth not to be by his own skill, but an inflow from the source of perpetual supply.

287

The valley giveth repose, but the mountains inspire.

288

MAN declareth himself made in the image of God; of this, he hath no evidence, but when he shall have passed through the countless changes ahead of him, he must be more beautiful, and then it may be less vain to claim resemblance than in his present plainness and crudity.

289

All words that picture evil are creative of evil.

290

Youth is frolicsome; but age is not as tolerant of play as it were well to be when nearing the great leap of life.

291

Keep young, though thy years be counted by generations.

292

If thou hast words and the freedom to use them, thou needest little defense beside.

293

A lesson in prudence may be gained by youth by asking of age.

294

To quarrel with thy brother offends the majesty of thy being.

295

The closer a man lives to his convictions, the closer he lives to his God.

296

Full many an hour of torture in facial embellishments is spent, only to make vanity the greater and time more revengeful.

297

The passage across the channel of death may be one of pleasure, anxiety or distress, but it is tolerably certain that travelers will reach the farther shore in about the same condition of mind that they leave this.

298

EACH day gather up the kind words and kind deeds and tie them in a bundle, and gather the unkind words and acts and tie them in another —then weigh them in the scales of justice to determine thy shortcomings.

299

Acquaint thyself with thy relation to Nature and thou wilt be more respectful to thy body.

300

The way to happiness is always upward.

301

Soul-growth depends on the thought-soil in which it is embedded.

302

Because Selfishness is extant, there is no human judgment that is impartial.

303

Is thy soul white, or is it black—ask thyself this question often and answer it candidly until the answer causeth thee no shame.

304

He who labors for hire hath little of enthusiasm, but he who executes the commands of his own brain hath most there is.

305

Be not in haste to overcome the sins of others until thou hast partially overcome thine own. Whereas a missionary may proselyte he can not make better unless practising his precepts.

306

We are a little nearer heaven when we live in the upper stories of the mind than when we stay in the cellar.

307

The solace of a broken heart is the promise of death.

308

The easiest way is the best way only when the best way is the easiest way.

309

Wherever thou dost find want, thou wilt find vice not afar.

310

The present enlightenment of the world came not by chance but by design—not through the back brain but through the development of the intellectual faculties.

311

As the third and fourth generations will bless or curse thee, be never swift to sever the conjugal tie nor in haste to tie it.

312

The fate that awaits the seducer is the same with embellishments that awaits any thief.

313

The exercise of patience in regard to a fault is well, but exercise it not until it becomes endurance, for then it is nigh to sanctioning wrong.

314

The privilege of want is asking, and the privilege of plenty is giving.

315

Enter no more into worry, e'en though the door be open wide and the mistress of calamity stand within the portals calling thee.

316

Meet the ills of life like a true disciple of reason, knowing that that which has befallen thee can not be changed and that that which threatens may never be if today due precaution be exercised.

317

The full sweetness of love comes after separation.

318

I SAY unto thee, O sufferer, though thou mayest think life a burden too heavy to bear, stay with thy body until Nature severs the cord that binds thee to the lower kingdom and ushers thee to the higher life, but go not unbidden, for it will not be well for thy soul's happiness.

319

The highest achievement has been attained by man when he is absolute monarch of himself; then his health and happiness are subject to his own rulings.

320

The proprieties of life are best conserved by kindness and love.

321

Be not profligate of time, for thou hast not enough for thy tasks.

322

If a man respect himself, why does he permit his conduct openly to insult him?

323

The degradation of the body is insolence to God.

324

Wherefore look ye for peace without when there is war within?

325

Health declines the companionship of inaction.

326

The way to success is tortuous, but the way from it is so plain that a fool never misses it.

327

Vanity findeth no lodgment with wisdom.

328

Whenever scandal waits on thy doorstep send it away before thy neighbors adjust their lorgnettes.

329

HOLD a candle close to the inner chambers of thy mind, to see if thou canst find a thought worthy of expression, and if thou dost, bring it forth, clothe it decently and send it out as a missionary—yea, if thou hast many missionaries in the fields of ignorance it is creditable.

330

Fill my upraised hands, O ye unseen Intelligences, with that which is needful to nourish my spirit on its daily pilgrimage.

331

Blazon this fact to the world that vice will some day be slain by knowledge.

332

When self-pity and melancholy are associated, happiness seeks other society.

333

The future is what the present decrees. If thou wilt learn thy lesson today the experience will not be repeated tomorrow.

334

The fact that alcohol returns no one's love should make every one too proud to run after it.

335

When youth dashes impatiently past infirmity, it will meet it again at the end of the road.

336

Crime is the fruit of ignorance, and ignorance is the fruit of ignorance.

337

A slave will serve the master, but the master never serves the slave—if thou serve sin all thy life thou art still a slave.

338

When the heart is nigh broken, pride will strengthen it.

339

PLACE thy form in the inspection chair and let thy mind walk across the room and criticize—then wilt thou be doing as thou hast done to others, and if thou be fair, thou wilt observe as much that is awry in thyself as in thy visitor, though the faults be dissimilar.

340

The frequency of blunders maketh impossible constant peace.

341

Ostentation loves money, though money does not always love ostentation.

342

Gratitude is the word of love that dwelleth in the heart.

343

Conscience speaks harshly or tenderly according to the deeds done.

344

Hatred pouts, but love laughs all day.

345

Capriciousness is both selfish and self-willed.

346

Women love peace more than war because they love men.

347

Thou mayest purchase cloth wherewith to drape thy body, but thy soul covering thou must weave for thyself.

348

The coming of another day portends the repetition of the faults of this.

349

An official who respects himself, respects his office, but a defaulter, alas! and an unworthy incumbent is wholly lacking in pride, though vanity may possess him and lead him to disgrace.

350

A TWENTIETH-CENTURY theologian may be no better than an earlier one, but he is so different that the two would not be harmonious together, and the next century will produce a species altogether different from any heretofore found. Most of the dogmas now cherished as truths will be declared the illusions of children, and many of the conceptions of God the speculations of the feeble-minded.

351

Let the blind congratulate themselves that they see not the iniquity that lies about them.

352

It is a waste of time to affirm the infallibility of past or present religion, as the progressive future may refute it.

353

As the completion of any science is unattainable in this world, it is pleasant to contemplate the possibility of great minds pursuing congenial occupations beyond the limitations of the flesh.

354

It is easier to swallow praise than censure, for one is sweet and the other bitter.

355

The thoughts when ruffled are quickest smoothed by the introduction of impersonal subjects.

356

The artistic and poetic are friends in thought oftener than in person.

357

Vulgarity demands conspicuousness, but refinement is content without it.

358

Nature runs her course and man his, but if he would always run with Nature and not in contrary direction, he would have fewer mishaps and longer life.

359

Too much value can not be placed on self-culture, as upon the individual depends the whole structure of society.

360

When the interval is very long between the sowing and the sprouting, doubt uproots much of the seed.

361

We are prone to heap the faults of others to cover our own.

362

The easiest way to forget a wrong is to do a right.

363

Love of justice must be established in the hearts of men ere they can walk with God.

364

Add the column of thy good deeds and of thy bad deeds and then compare and ponder the answer.

365

Methinks the gateway of heaven has frequently been left ajar by the countless angels who have ascended from the firesides of earth.

366

The most inconsistent thing about prohibition is the intemperance of the name.

367

He who goeth from the world with an empty head will be in a sorry plight in the next.

368

The tides of life beat ceaselessly on the shores of time, bringing in and carrying out love with the ebb and flow.

369

In the midsummer of years be admonished that thou art halfway to the midwinter when Nature sleeps.

370

WHEN night touches the eyelids, slumber cometh near and it is unsafe to interfere with the approach of the drowsy god, because he is revengeful and when again summoned may refuse to approach, but stands afar and mocks and jeers at hapless man whose very life depends upon him.

371

An indelible stain—self-abasement.

372

As it is dangerous to play with fire, why not, O cruel man, let reason extinguish the fires of hell before more of earth's children are burnt!

373

Heareth one the smallest voice of compassion above the roar of condemnation it soundeth like a sweet note through the clanging discord.

374

One can not judge of the flavor of the pudding by chewing the pudding-bag string, yet such is superficial judgment.

375

Mankind suffers more from greed than pestilence.

376

The poverty that attends a sour nature is without mitigation.

377

Everywhere temptation hovers over the weak, and that they fall not oftener, give them praise.

378

Nothing is more agreeable than a clear conscience, and there is no more troublous possession than an accusing one.

379

Whenever a romantic mind meets the unromantic world, disillusion is watching around the corner.

380

WHERE there is harmony there is growth, but where discord reigns the soul can not put forth new branches, neither can it bud and blossom in the blasts of discontent nor bear fruit in the chill of repining.

381

The view that a man takes of religion is according to the measure of his reason.

382

It is well-nigh impossible to find courage in the uncertainty of adversity.

383

Proclaim not thy successes to the poor nor thy failures to the rich.

384

Look to age for instruction, to youth for enthusiasm, and to childhood for affection.

385

Ere thou sleepest at night request thy soul to protect its tenement until the spirit returns from its starry pilgrimage.

386

Love may not increase with much religion, but it will increase many-fold with wisdom.

387

Be ever ready to listen, then be ever ready to gain.

388

Whoso deceiveth diggeth a pit for his own soul.

389

In whatsoever degree thou findest truth, in that degree thou findest God.

390

Whenever light breaks through the darkness of thy mind it gives thee an opportunity to dust the corners.

391

A CAUTIOUS man, when he resides among thieves, will bar his door when he sleeps, and if all doors in a community are locked it is a sign to the people that the pulpits should abandon doctrine and preach ethics.

392

A pretender is an offender.

393

Whatever adds to the happiness of life, adds to its value, making it a more precious legacy for thy children.

394

Idleness is the dry rot of existence.

395

The only work that indolence does cheerfully is the digging of its own grave.

396

Father Time cuts off a yearly coupon of experience for each of his children, for which he receives as many curses as thanks.

397

A domestic breeze capsizes love and sometimes drowns it.

398

Tomorrow is the unspotted page of a new day. What intend ye to write upon it?

399

Heroism is the morning star of unselfishness.

400

There are countless paths that lead to God, for no man treads another's.

401

Symbolism is never exhausted, flowing like a perpetual stream on and on through all the ages and laving the banks of every literature and religion.

402

IT sounds strange to say that the family skeleton is a lively member of the household, but it is ever ready to dance for company and to rattle its bones for the entertainment of the villagers, to grin at the stranger or to mock at decorum.

403

When virtue tells its wrongs to the world, its utterance is prompted by bitterness, for love is ever silent when dishonored.

404

It is erroneously supposed by the uninitiated that much money maketh a man bold, whereas it maketh him a quaking coward and to feel like a mark for destruction.

405

We must acknowledge that a cloudless sky is not more beautiful than when it is flecked with prismatic colors.

406

Though thy worldly condition be that of poverty, keep not thy mind from its own rich estate—then wilt not thy surroundings degrade thee, nor thy soul be deprived of its birthright.

407

A judgment shall fall upon him who continues in deception, for he constantly tugs at the pillars that support the structure above his own head.

408

It is not more laborious to utter sense than nonsense, truth than falsehood, though the preponderance of evidence is to the contrary.

409

O night, wrap me about with thy dark robe and protect me from fear as thou leadest me toward the morn. O day, most bright and beautiful, illumine my soul that I may walk with safety toward the night.

410

LETTERS are the white-winged birds of thought, flitting here and there amongst the high and low branches of society, sometimes bursting into melody or trilling of sorrow, and not a few preen their feathers and chirp only of themselves.

411

In the doing of good works it is not altogether reprehensible to let it be known, as it may stimulate others to imitate, and for similar reasons thy evil deeds were best closeted.

412

There are many stations up the mountain of wisdom, and only the perfect man will reach the pinnacle.

413

If we take a clear view of an enemy we will not say that he is mean and despicable, but that he is unhappy.

414

An illumined mind is brighter than the electrifying thought which it gives to the groping world.

415

Hoary with age are the great religions, yet only a fraction of truth has been revealed to priesthood or laity.

416

Faith is not best when knowledge is attainable.

417

Mercy is a product of civilization; and while cruelty is expressed by word or act, evolution will continue its reformatory work until all men and all religions are brought under the subjection of kindness and benevolence.

418

Science, by its scientific methods, will eventually make men sharers in God's work and the secret laboratories will be opened to the honest laborer.

419

So galling are the chains of intemperance that when once worn the scars can not be effaced.

420

The outcome of argument is oftener anger than conviction.

421

When enemies meet, words must be weighed. When friends meet, this trouble can be dispensed with.

422

Palaces are not freer from care than cottages.

423

To denounce a subject without a full understanding of it is the fool's privilege.

424

Immodesty defileth the holy temple of the spirit.

425

To crawl through the window when the door is open serves no useful purpose. Yet millions today are crawling through the narrow windows of superstition when the broad doors of reason are wide open.

426

To get away from self is a more difficult feat than any man has yet accomplished.

427

Every soul should have a glimpse of Paradise while on earth, but this will only be possible through self-purification.

428

The midnight of superstition is passed and we are now in the early morning hours of reason.

429

Though an untruth were uttered by ten thousand voices from Alpha to Omega, it would be a lie forever.

430

Immorality has been the great sin of all ages, and as civilization advances it keeps pace; what shall be done to destroy the monster? This is a closer question than any pertaining to creed or dogma and of more importance to salvation.

431

The memory of a wrong deed must live longer than the effects of the deed, for on the soul that thou takest to the Border-Land, is it graven in letters that are enduring.

432

The danger of a too intimate acquaintance with evil is its blighting effect on the soul.

433

Never permit Satan to walk in front of you. If you must take him along make him walk behind.

434

Perfect peace is but a beautiful dream.

435

When the wheel of fortune sinks deep in the mire it is more sensible to get off and try to lift it out than to sit on the load and complain.

436

When thou speakest without fervor thou speakest without effect.

437

We can not hit the mark if the range is too long for our musket.

438

In the evening of care and suffering must be paid the debts of the misspent morning.

439

The mind is the most wonderful of all storehouses, and there is nothing in science, art or letters that has not been given a place in one of the many.

440

Life is a blessing but death is glorious, for it liberates the imprisoned spirit and opens wider the gates of knowledge.

441

Retrospection is pleasurable along the line of duty, but along the line of regret it is harrowing.

442

What a mistake we make when we think no one sees us when we do wrong! Our own spirit looking through our mortal vision sees our acts and condemns; and if our own can do this, probably many others can.

BOOK TWO

443

THE fate of all who climb the mountain of learning is alike: they die before they reach the pinnacle, and the ascent from the base is marked with graves and on the headstones are graven illustrious names but for whom the world would be a region of desolation and an unhallowed spot. Rise, ye who are aweary, and go a little higher ere ye fall; ye will not be sepulchered in another's tomb, but will rest in thine own niche, and this shall be writ on thy slab: He shall not be judged finally by comparison, but by love.

444

When triumphant from a race thou leavest some one in disgrace.

445

Be quick to silence thy temper, lest it disgrace thee.

446

The honors of life belong to them who make the noblest record; and whether it be public or private, the hero will be decorated in the home of souls, though he be the most obscure of earth's toilers.

447

O bountiful supply, we thank thee that thou givest us each day that which we need for our growth.

448

He who can endure seldom misses the goal for which he strives.

449

The sweetness of wisdom lingers when one has tasted the fruit of knowledge.

450

The ingrate maketh many to want, and oft lacketh himself because he is what he is.

451

THE frequency with which men deny the churchly notion of God is evidence of thought upon the subject; and though thy God or my God may not be acceptable, the other man's God may fill the universe, and he be content and mild when they who differ condemn him because he sees with his own eyes and listens with his own instead of a borrowed ear.

452

We come to vexation soon when we incite hate, and to peace soon when we breathe only love.

453

The young and innocent have no redress when despoiled by age and vice.

454

The first taste of intemperance is shame, the final shamelessness.

455

If thou hast opportunity to do thy brother a kindness and it seemeth to thee right, be not deterred by the thought that the world may not applaud.

456

Fashion mocks antiquity, yet borrows from it every time it turns about, exclaiming, " this is new and that is new," whereas it is only evolution on the fashionable plane.

457

The wiles of sin are shocking to the balanced. 'T is only the unbalanced that are pleased.

458

Dost thy mind vibrate with the fresh thought of the day or hast thy mind run down and the pendulum ceased to swing? If so, wind it quickly and let it point to the exact hour, for a mind behind the age is like a clock behind the time, a deceptive and unreliable indicator when journeying through the world.

459

THE keenest satire on man's demand for freedom is his desire for the things that enslave. When he is given liberty he can not exercise it, because of the shackles of habit he has forged for himself and weareth even with vanity and boasting in the presence of the free.

460

Heretofore all sin has been attributed to the devil; but in this day and generation, sin is known to be some degree of ignorance.

461

The great value of innocence is not appreciated until guilt steals it.

462

That which makes a man successful is not so much what he knows of the past, as his insight into the future.

463

The bloom of youth is not more beautiful than the ripeness of years.

464

The possibilities of life are more wonderful than its probabilities.

465

An advocate of truth needs no stronger associate or ally.

466

If thou must repeat gossip, be fair in thy version.

467

Pleasures that amuse are more needed by mental toilers than those which spur the brain to a gallop up the hill of research.

468

The immature idea was mechanical creation, which so offended the mature and rational mind that evolution was substituted with gladness and relief.

469

THE life of intellectuality and the life of imbecility vary not in the economy of Nature, and in the end of many cycles the latter will have become like the former and both perfect as the law intended, and thus does justice work its divine purpose, by gradual development.

470

To belittle another adds another defect to thyself.

471

If the lifeboat of sympathy were sent out to the perishing in the sea of sin, many might be rescued who would rather go to the bottom than board any sectarian raft.

472

Many like wit better than wisdom, but the proper admixture of both is the dose most needed by the many.

473

There is a time in the life of a man when fortune favors, but let that day pass without recognition and he may never again be noticed by the golden god.

474

The countenance of wisdom is not stamped with baseness and cunning, but rather hath it the look of gentleness, humility and compassion.

475

The least that is said and the most that is done, the quicker a reform.

476

Conscience knocks at the inner door daily: a few open promptly, but the many reluctantly, to be questioned by this severe censor regarding their conduct.

477

Ask thyself if thou be pure, and if the answer be a moment delayed thou mayest know there is a doubt.

478

WHEN the hand of time touches the head of man, leaving a snowy impress thereon, it betokeneth the approach of Winter, and the Winter is a promise of Spring, when all that is old shall become new. Therefore behold in thy silvered hair a sign of the resurrection, and sing joyfully as in youth.

479

It is a violation of moral hygiene to allow anger to govern.

480

It is smoother sailing with a domestic breeze than against it.

481

That which we dread may be overcome by ceasing to hold the thought.

482

Prophecy seemeth the desire of the people, and if it were possible in times past, even so shall it continue to be given to a few to foretell the events that cast their shadows athwart the planet.

483

Weak is thy defense, O man, against the wiles of sophistry unless aided by commonsense.

484

The religion that is left after much raking and turning in the fire of reason is purer, much of the dross having been burned out.

485

Much that is to thee given is taken away because of thy neglect to utilize it.

486

Heaven is the home of the mind.

487

Generosity fareth ill when it meeteth greed, for the latter seeketh less with love than with thought of gain.

488

FAR into the midnight of the future would I peer, O my brother, that I might tell thee if there be spread a snare for thy feet or a deep pit digged for thy undoing; yet if thou hearkenest not to the voice of thine own soul that calleth with authority, thou wouldst not hearken to Love's advice, though I call thee by name and beseech thee to turn from impurity.

489

The highest praise that can be bestowed on a man is this: He reached the eminence upon which he stands by his own exertion and was not carried thither by another.

490

True happiness is not leisurely passive, but aggressively active.

491

If thy friends were as afraid of evil as they would have thee think, the world would be redeemed without more ado.

492

Fill thy life with love, and thou hast all of happiness that the world gives to her favorites.

493

It is a broad road to poverty, but a narrow lane to wealth.

494

Let peace be maintained alway, not by the hand and sword, but by the heart and head.

495

The nation speaks on her holidays to the people of the present and reminds them that she entrusts to them the sacred care of making the future.

496

The hand of death falls lighter on poverty than on wealth, but lightest on him who meets it with a prepared mind and a life untarnished with deceit.

497

HOLY, inflexible and sublime are the laws of Nature, and he who transgresses even the least must suffer to the degree of his sin. There is no manner of escape, and none other can pay the penalty for the violator.

498

Give thy hand, O brother in darkness, to him who traveleth by the lamp of reason, that thou mayest be led safely around the bogs of cant to the high land where thou mayest see the sunrise for thyself.

499

Let thy life be so ordered that should death call for thee this hour thou mightest journey without inconvenience.

500

Too much of good might become evil. If the sun shone all night sleep might await its departure.

501

Happy is he who hath not need of discipline at death.

502

Life is a failure when its object is mistaken.

503

The flavor of evil is as often sweet as bitter, but the poison is there though concealed.

504

We shall never hear the first nor the last of God.

505

Mind is our leader in all things.

506

The heart's secrets are its very own, and no one should ask division.

507

The deliberations and conclusions of science have more weight with the world today than ever before.

508

FROM the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers the Americans have not been found lacking in any crisis, nor will they ever run from duty; excitable are they, yet slow to anger, loving peace more than war, but country more than all.

509

Much frayed is the hem of experience.

510

If a lonely hermit ask thee to tarry for a moment with him, hesitate not to cast thy shadow across his homely way, that through thee he may unite himself again with the living world of which he should be a daily part.

511

Into a good book dost the writer put the imperishable part of himself—therefore it dieth not, though he depart from the world.

512

When fades the day, let peace fold her wings and rest within thy heart.

513

Though a man of many virtues be not seen, as a fire upon a hill is a man with vices.

514

As a man liveth today, so beginneth he the tomorrow of existence. So sayeth reason, which hath said so much that is true that I therefore believe.

515

Though thou search diligently thou wilt not find perfection, for its home is not amongst men, and we know not if it be with angels.

516

Fear not death; neither contemplate the devil; death is the hand of love, and the devil and his fiery habitation the workings of minds in darkness.

517

O vain desire, that I may learn the law in a day and know all good from evil in a twinkling!

518

The best there is in us is God.

519

It is better to love all than to hate one.

520

When we find the kingdom of heaven, we find God within.

521

If we conjure a lie, it is henceforth a child of our adoption; we must nurse and care for it constantly, and even then it may turn upon us whenever opportunity presents and frighten us by its increasing demands.

522

Loneliness—an empty mind in a universe of thought.

523

Each flower hath folded within its leafy heart a message of love from the infinite that the finite may read, care they to know what sayeth a lover to the loved.

524

When the messenger of death draweth near, listen with great joy if the tidings be for thee.

525

Whatsoever a man thinketh, he will do when opportunity presents—therefore the necessity for right thinking.

526

A sorrow that maketh the eyelids to gush is more merciful than one that drieth them.

527

It is less difficult to place the responsibility of wrongdoing than to apportion the consequences.

528

STILL, Oh, so still, my soul, art thou, and I listening for the voice of the Divine that we heed not the great noise about us, neither are we troubled by the discord that smites the calm when we are riding above the clouds of earth; my soul heareth more of the word than the moral I, but we speak together concerning those things that we can not comprehend, and of the time when we shall abide where aspiration hath its home, where the muses walk in the dwelling-places of Inspiration, transcribing from the everlasting tablets of thought, that which is eternal good, and of that unknown day when we may be led within the birth chamber of Cause, to look into the holy cradle and to behold the Divine Father and Mother of all that has been, is and will be.

529

The parents of sin are ignorance and selfishness.

530

The saddest spot on earth—the grave of hope.

531

A busy place—where promises are made and broken.

532

A neat and fitting garment—the plain truth, though not always fashionable.

533

Threadbare is the cloak of religions.

534

It is a glorious reign to be king of thyself—to say, "Do thou this and do thou that, O self, for I, the King, have spoken."

535

Increased income augments unrest.

536

That which we desire inclines not to us as we would.

537

The whirlwind of competitive education uproots the delicate saplings and bends sturdy trees, and those that withstand the twisting are somewhat blemished from having passed through such rough experience.

538

Death is the most beautiful gift of a Divine Father to immortal children.

539

Our thoughts, like carrier-pigeons, ever will homeward fly.

540

There is no place where the flowers of poetry and romance more freely abound than in the fields of ruralness; yet they are not so much plucked by the yeomanry as by erstwhile visitors who are enchanted and write of their enchantment.

541

Liberty is the exercise and not the abuse of privileges.

542

Intense thought bringeth about that which we would or that which we would not.

543

The most sorrowful of all expressed thought is that concerning the passing of man.

544

Carry a lamp before thee in a dark way. Prudence prevents many a false step.

545

If thou art at peace with thyself, thou must be at peace with the whole world.

546

The sequel of wrongdoing is written by time and consequences.

547

PERADVENTURE thou meetest defeat in thy wanderings, let it not become thy mental guest for the space of a day, but say to it, "Keep thee behind me always, and let not mine eye rest upon thee nor thy hand to cover mine own."

548

The distance is no longer to happiness than to unhappiness if thou takest the right road.

549

Be gentle toward another's faults, but severe as thou mayest please toward thine own.

550

A fragment of truth is the discovery of every age.

551

It is a test of fortitude to be a true friend to a false friend, and a test of strength to uphold an enemy even in right doing.

552

The birds of the air and the beasts of the field love repose more than turmoil, and in this respect they present a lesson to mankind.

553

To better thy condition, better thy thoughts.

554

To gain thy freedom, ask the assistance of thy reason.

555

Whenever a thought ripens in heaven it falls to earth.

556

A cunning device to encourage the timorous: a new thought tied to an old handle—the familiarity of the one soon familiarizes the other.

557

Serenity belongeth only to him who patiently earns it.

558

Strictly guard thy vocabulary and cast out any unclean word thou mayest find in thy collection.

559

Whithersoever a man traveleth in his mind that is his soul's destination.

560

Destruction followeth vice as closely as a dog followeth his master.

561

Let no one persuade thee that sin is cheap: thou mayest have to pay for it with thy life.

562

Diversion helpeth the mind to assimilate care.

563

Poetry is the blossom and prose the strong branches of the giant tree of literature.

564

Life is eternity and eternity is life.

565

He who maketh a grimace at adversity mocketh his teacher.

566

He lives in trouble who lives in knavery.

567

He who loveth honor and abideth in it loveth God and abideth in Him.

568

If thou hast not taken a step upward today, thou hast not performed thy God-given work.

569

If thou wilt meet difficulties cheerfully, thou wilt find them less disagreeable.

570

Sincerity hath not need of flattery.

571

WHEN a cow yieldeth not her milk, to kick her availeth nothing, but the milker trieth gentler means, and when a schemer trieth for thy money he useth persuasion until, if thou resemblest the cow, thou fillest his measure.

572

The great camera of life catches every thought and feeling of man upon its sensitized plates for preservation.

573

He who would add to his own stature must build at the top.

574

If thou wilt forget the evil-doing of others, thou canst better attend to the purification of thine own life.

575

If Fate should knock at thy door with ill tidings, meet it with a calm countenance, though thy tears be blood and thy heart an altar of sacrifice.

576

Say to the South Wind, " 'T is well," and to the North Wind, " 'T is well," and to the zephyrs that blow annoyances into thy dooryard, " Thou canst not harm, for I am with God the Divine One."

577

No one can love the Great Father without learning something of the Great Mother.

578

To lie upon the breast of Nature and listen to her wonderful stories is both helpful and restful.

579

Vex not thyself because of ungodliness. Godliness will come with understanding, and understanding with the evolution of time, until all men are undefiled.

580

IF a man's religion holdeth him responsible for his every act, it maketh him careful of his conduct; but if it point a loophole whereby he may escape the penalty of broken laws, it maketh him more careless of deportment.

581

Greatness begins where littleness ends.

582

The work of all thinkers is separating facts from fiction.

583

He that perceiveth a beam in a brother's eye and asketh another to remove it showeth somewhat of cowardice.

584

Beset as thou art, O mortal with temptations, listen to morality and be spared the pain of a fall.

585

Listen, O youth, to the voice of Divinity that dwelleth within. Feebly at first will it address thee; but as thou gainest virtues it will become stronger and at length will boldly direct thee to God.

586

He that leadeth another into darkness shall at length lose his own way.

587

Sympathy uplifteth hope and saveth from despair.

588

Grateful will be a long day of peace that will come to faithful and patient workers after the turmoil of earth is abandoned.

589

When the guilty are exposed, they do not try to hide themselves behind Satan, but endeavor to cover themselves with the white robe of innocence.

590

Light thy countenance with a smile, and thou canst keep despondency at bay indefinitely.

591

The first fruits of sin are not so bitter as the last plucking.

592

When in need of advice, question thy reason and beware of that which conflicts with it.

593

When the road to wealth forks, consult thy conscience.

594

Wisdom is preferable to experience: they who have the first need not the last.

595

Boldness robbeth modesty of speech and driveth to cover the half-fledged utterances of timidity.

596

Perfection is only to be found at the end of a very long road, eternity.

597

Unfortunate is he who hath sufficient conceit to conceal his faults from his own vision.

598

The cloak of religion is as many-colored as Joseph's coat.

599

The absence of egotism indicates the absence of selfishness, for where one is there is the other also.

600

Vulgar curiosity though diligent gathers few facts.

601

To be vain of thy gifts is to be vain of thyself. To be glad of thy gifts is thanksgiving.

602

TO become acquaint with thyself, ask thyself as many questions each day as thou canst shape, and insist upon having a clear answer. In this way wilt thou become aware of thy deficiencies and thou wilt be astonished at the number.

603

If thou canst find a man and a woman in all the world whose lives are without an imperfection, thou mayest deify them, for they are as God.

604

Whatever seemeth wrong thou shouldst not do in haste.

605

If possible wait until the fog lifts before unmooring thy boat.

606

Beware of accepting from him who boasteth of his generosity, or thy pride will be much battered.

607

Whenever thou findest a bright mind let it shine upon thine own to light some dark corner.

608

To raise thyself above thy surroundings thou must leap into the great world of mind.

609

Be sparing of vain regret and generous of good intent.

610

Whithersoever thou mayest go, the ghost of the past will glide beside thee, making thy heaven or thy hell.

611

Iniquity abhors frankness.

612

Whomsoever death severs death will again unite.

613

THOU mayest perform contemptibly in private, thinking no eye beholdeth, but there is never an hour when thou art unattended; therefore let thy acts be honorable and decorous as when in public, lest shame confront thee in the hereafter.

614

Discretion and Indiscretion never go a-Maying together.

615

When giving reproof let it be unmixed with sarcasm.

616

When sharing the home of another, assume no control of its management, lest thou be outgeneraled thyself and have to beg for quarter.

617

A generous giver is he who gives when return is impossible and publicity improbable.

618

When the fat is in the fire it is too late to caution.

619

The ladder of fame is hard to climb, and a misstep will bring thee to the ground in a twinkling.

620

Though the scars of adversity be deep, thou canst conceal them with cheerfulness.

621

The soul is illumined by a process known only to the minority.

622

Hope will make the poor rich—for without it the rich are poor.

623

If man assume control over the beasts, how much more should he assume control over himself!

624

If thy dog love thee he hath something of God in him.

625

If to an angelic state thou wouldst aspire, thou wilt arise.

626

To keep thy life pure thou must filter thy thoughts.

627

The quickest way to forget gloom is to think upon joy. Difficult it is, but try it and thou wilt find this pleasant remedy efficacious.

628

Let thy life be such that every act and thought might be transferred to a clean page and thou not blush for the reading.

629

When earth enters the silent chambers of night she does not slumber, but busies herself till the morning with her abundant duties.

630

He that lifteth himself saveth another much trouble.

631

It may be well to drop a little good seed in your neighbor's field occasionally, but do not harrow his ground without permission.

632

Thou shouldst not endeavor to convince thy enemy that he was wrong yesterday, for thou turnest him into the past, when thou shouldst lead him this day into the tomorrow.

633

Though thou attack every religion of earth, thou canst not attack God.

634

The record of life is marked not by hours but by thoughts; not by days but by progress.

635

WHEREFORE is it commendable to work before the dawn or after the night cometh? 'T is Nature that marks the time for man's rest, therefore let him obey to prolong his years—let him not cut from the night nor add to the day.

636

If a man live a lie, he hath no part with peace.

637

Why complain that the world is all bad, if thou thyself art good?

638

When the sword is whetted, Peace is unhappy.

639

Every soul must some day travel the road to Glory.

640

The Great Lawgiver permits no man to violate the law without meting out full penalty to the violator, and no subterfuge whatsoever availeth when thine own act has marked thee for punishment.

641

The minutest particle of matter is doing its work as faithfully as the most conspicuous, and in so doing is God's helper.

642

The length and breadth of our conscience is measured by our understanding.

643

Hades might be turned to heaven were the Will made ruler over the passions.

644

A generation of unbelievers maketh a generation of inquirers.

645

When fortune smiles, the world endeavors to please.

646

Fast and furious rides temper, but calmness always wins the race.

647

Alas! how fickle is indecision: it bloweth North today, South tomorrow, and peradventure on the third day it bloweth not at all.

648

Sorrow and joy are to the mind what light and darkness are to the body.

649

He who runs a race with adversity often runs with a friend in disguise.

650

The greatest good that can befall a glutton is the loss of appetite.

651

That which makes war possible makes civilization impossible.

652

That which inflames the passions deadens the soul, and that which deadens the soul diminishes its capacity to enjoy its privileges.

653

Slay not. He who taketh that which he can not replace stealeth from God.

654

The freedom of a nation depends upon the unselfishness of its people.

655

When the night cometh on, let Peace abide with thee till the morning, and then if thou must battle let principle incite thee and not prejudice.

656

So fair is youth that age seemeth plain, but so rich is age that youth seemeth poor.

657

The luster of virtue can not be restored when tarnished.

658

Even upon the rugged mountains and the face of the tossing sea is written law, and chaos is nowhere permitted.

659

When overcoming misfortunes, perseverance is thy best ally.

660

The reproof of the wicked begetteth contempt, but a word from the exemplary benefiteth.

661

Abundant love attracts abundant love, and hatred adds to itself also.

662

No one finds peace without searching for it.

663

When suspicion watches innocence, it harms it, for it suggests that guilt is there.

664

Each has within him all he needs to develop perfection, and the acquirement of knowledge and the right use of it will be the manner of unfolding.

665

Walk the earth with a lamp in each hand and a headlight on thy brow, that thou mayest see thine own way and guide thy neighbor.

666

When thy temper is blazing run after water instead of coal.

667

To believe in the power of good to overcome all evil is to believe in moral evolution, which will right all wrong and perfect all things in time.

668

One must needs hunt for dishonesty where honesty is so fearless that it walketh in the open.

669

Think not that thou canst revile without setting the shafts of malice in motion against thyself.

670

Begin the day in peace and fear to meet the night in anger.

671

Wherever thou findest perseverance thou mayest look for success.

672

Fortune at last favors most those who love best the things that can not be bought and sold.

673

The tenderest ties of the human heart are severed by death with apparent indifference; but if God directs and He is love, all is done with kindness.

674

The road of progress lies straight across the wastes of prejudice.

675

Civilization has been a swifter runner than religion in preceding centuries, and what has been will be until superstitions shall pass away.

676

Let thy days be full of pleasure and let thy pleasure be the doing of right.

677

They who walk life's journey know more of the way than they who ride.

678

Begin early in life to put thy patience to the test, for thou wilt need it when years advance upon thee.

679

WERE there no message from the undiscovered country there would be no belief in immortality; but the waves of thought that surge between the seen and the unseen world keep alive that beautiful hope.

680

Whatever thou dost for the benefit of the world thou dost for thine own glory, for thine is the reward though thou mayest have passed the border-land ere thy work is appreciated or praised.

681

Love of country is a noble love, and when thou lovest thine own as thou oughtest, thou wilt not covet another's birthright nor seek to wrest it from him by violence or strategy.

682

There is a right and a wrong side to every day.

683

Complaint is discord and discord is disease.

684

Let thy hands be full of kindness and lay them gently upon sorrow.

685

Verily if a man *will* to do right, there is a *way* to do right.

686

Let us think it will be as well with another in the hereafter as we would have it with ourselves.

687

Cast the same eye upon thyself as thou dost upon another and thou wilt be more merciful in thy judgment.

688

Whenever thou art scratched by a tattler, clear thyself, but do not continue the fight.

689

Each soul builds a solid wall of individualism round about itself and is securely entrenched behind the impregnable ramparts.

690

Inasmuch as ye make discord will thy life be discordant.

691

O Vanity! how weak art thou in the presence of worth and how exceeding small!

692

Lest temptation conquer thee, give it no quarter.

693

Though thou mayest look into the windows of thy friend's character many times, thou wilt never behold him as he truly is.

694

It is a ridiculous blunder to estimate a man for what he has, rather than for what he is. The one is his coat, the other himself.

695

The backbiter must sooner or later die from his own poison.

696

Inasmuch as we can not judge righteously, it were a sin to judge at all.

697

If it is a misfortune to die by accident, what can be said of accidental birth?

698

We come into an understanding of morals when we open the holy book of Nature.

699

Dignity frowns upon the talebearer.

700

When praise is due, bitterness follows censure.

701

TELL me, ye wingèd winds, whither my soul shall be wafted when it departs the flesh. Will it be to a city of gold or to the deep woods? Will it sing forever or will it work? Will it still expand or will it shrink with monotony? Will it gather knowledge or will it retrograde? Will it be true to its individual existence, or will it be swallowed by the great I? Will it be happy, or will it be sad? Will there be night and morn, or midday eternally? Will it be amongst the wise that I shall stand, or will it be with hungry children who crave instruction? Shall I be less because my brother is more? Shall I be content to be as I am? Nay, Nay, O wingèd winds, I answer nay—I will not be content to be as I am, neither shall I be swallowed up in the vortex of souls, but I shall stand alone, alone forever in a great and growing world—I shall love and I shall be loved—I shall instruct and I shall be instructed—I shall lead and I shall be led; I shall sing and I shall work—I shall know and I shall be known. I shall be happy and I shall be necessary to another's happiness. I shall be glad, and all will be glad that they are of use in the great structure and that they will be put in place by the hand of the master builder.

702

Charity springeth from the heart—therefore is controlled more by emotion than by reason.

703

When the fruit is falling from the tree of knowledge, be not so far away that none will fall into thy receptacle.

704

Sorrow maketh a man bow his thoughts though his head rove in the air.

705

Gold opens for mankind gates of destruction that would otherwise remain forever closed.

706

THERE is a morning and an evening to every experience—sometimes it is the sunrise that is pleasant and the evening that is gloomy, or the early hour may be a mist and the sunset a golden glory.

707

The pleasantest way out of this world is through the gateway of love.

708

It is vain to expect gigantic results from timid efforts.

709

The weaker are not protected by the stronger by a course of reasoning, but by the flow of circumstances are they aided or crushed.

710

So commercial is Lust that it puts a price on virtue.

711

When a person is steeped in worldliness the process well-nigh destroys the germs of soul growth.

712

Thoughts like a flock of swallows dart so rapidly before the mind's eye that it is difficult to follow a single one to its home.

713

A light heart maketh a light head, for when the thoughts are deep we incline more to contemplation than to exultation.

714

Knowledge maketh a man unassuming where ignorance maketh him bold.

715

If thou hast overmuch talent and no application, success is further from thee than if thou hadst overmuch application and less talent.

716

I AM adding to my religious temple daily, and as my foundation is reason I know its strength and I intend to build higher than the Tower of Babel, and not put on the dome until I reach the other worlds.

717

When all men have learned not to be selfish tyranny will end.

718

In future ages when all shall know the truth and practise it, the earth will be the abode of angels and Jacob's dream be realized.

719

The day of judgment is not when God judges men, but when man judges himself, and pronounces his soul clean or unclean.

720

I search for words, but I find them not, to express my admiration for all that is beautiful, good and true.

721

In the quiet and pleasant vales of life it is fair to linger, but the soul is never deeply stirred within the confines of peace and plenty.

722

Happiness is not obtained by supplication, but by delightful labor.

723

According to the will is the circumference of thought expanded or contracted.

724

The best that we can say of others is that they are doing as well as they know.

725

The first step toward evil is the beginning of sorrow.

726

WHEN a man tells me that the Holy Word of God is contained within the covers of a printed book, and that he can carry it about in his pocket, I do not laugh, neither do I call him a liar or a fool; but I pray that the light of reason may enter his mind until he can see that God's book is too large for a pocket edition, that it is larger than the universe, and yet not complete.

727

When the voice of conscience cries aloud at the door of the soul, the wicked will not admit it, but drive it away with continued sinfulness.

728

To get a true view of ourselves we must stand before the revolving mirror of introspection every day, not to admire, but to criticize and improve.

729

Let it be remarked by every one that you are above your business, whatever it may be.

730

The rainbow set in the heavens does not give me promise that no more shall the waters cover the earth, but it shows me that where there is light there is beauty.

731

Sleep, weary form, sleep, that my spirit may go out into the mysterious night to commune with its kind!

732

Fatigue is the sequence of error.

733

Gainsay it, if you can, that mental slavery is preferable to liberty or that any teaching calculated to bind the mind could not with benefit be supplanted by instruction in ethics to the exclusion of creeds.

734

IT is best for us to wear our garments right side out to avoid comment, and for like reason it were better not to put the seamy part of our nature on the outside where every one can observe its roughness.

735

In the fulness of time we may know what manner of men we are, but now we can only look and wonder at ourselves and follow ancient advice, until our lesson is learned.

736

To persecute reason is to insult divinity.

737

Lift up your minds, O belovèd, into the stillness of the Great I Am.

738

Listen, if need be, to complaint, but add not your own.

739

Profitable advice is seldom given except for love or money.

740

Behold the friendship of poverty and indolence.

741

If thou thinkest well thou wilt do well, for the thought and the act are not far apart.

742

Let not sloth rob thee of thy inheritance of health.

743

If thou livest this day well, tomorrow will hold no terrors and yesterday no remorse.

744

That the finite mind may at some remote period of its journey meet infinity is not impossible—when, how or where, we would not speak.

745

O YE of imprudent imagination, why picture God sitting upon a great white throne in the pose and likeness of little man? O belovèd, talk no more of a despot, nor place the Universal God upon a chair.

746

Let the thought-force that we each day extend be of a quality that will be creative of our ideal.

747

The outlook for religion at the present time is encouraging, for when there is much doubt concerning the old there is much inquiry for the new.

748

The basest mentality could be raised to an exalted plane by an education that would call forth the higher and compel the lower propensities to lie dormant until too weak to respond to evil.

749

If I be afraid of God I be afraid of life.

750

It is easier to warm a castle than a cold heart within it.

751

When a cat sits by a rat-hole the inference is not that she is dreaming of former conquests, but that she awaits with hope.

752

The great circle of light is without break or joining from Alpha to Omega.

753

Weightier than heavy chains upon the body is Tradition upon the mind.

754

Truth and science are upon such friendly terms that each is a support to the other.

755

MAN feels a sense of security in the civilization of great cities, yet with it his personal safety is not materially enhanced nor is he secure against the wolves in wool who prowl about, nor hath he immunity from the temptations that beset his every turning.

756

A threefold blessing rests upon the good: the pleasure of being good, of doing good, and of receiving good.

757

To reason from a false premise is to travel from the truth as fast as the tongue can run.

758

If the axles of matrimony are well lubricated with the oil of wisdom, the wheels of time will run smoother and squeak less.

759

The brightest spot in the mind of man is reason—the dullest, gluttony.

760

Perversity leadeth a man to misfortune.

761

As intelligence increases, intolerance decreases; and the time will come when men will altogether abandon persecution—understanding that diversity of opinion leadeth to knowledge.

762

If peradventure thy friend of today becomes thy enemy tomorrow, be not dismayed, but say to thyself and to him, "If I am worthy thy love and thou art worthy of mine, naught of a trivial nature can keep us long asunder."

763

Love apart from Godliness can not live.

764

Victory hath not on earth a permanent home.

765

WORDS that are lisped in prayer by children reach further, methinks, into the realm of spirit than the studied phrases of theologians—therefore teach the innocent to ask for that which will help them to grow wise; tell them that the truth lies about them awaiting their use of it.

766

Intelligence is not so exacting of its brother as ignorance.

767

Croppings are only promises—to know thy friend's worth thou must dig deeper than the surface.

768

The God of Liberty is neither the God of ceremonies nor of creeds.

769

Great pearls of truth are the price of many years and of many lives.

770

When conscience smites thee, halt or the next blow may land thee in a purgatory of regret from which escape is not made in a day nor yet in a century.

771

The testimony of fools is of no importance, neither is the advice of a coward of value; therefore, if not able to weigh and measure for thyself, ask the assistance of the wise.

772

The pictures that we draw of others have a resemblance, however slight, to ourselves.

773

The flower of true friendship is absence.

774

It is a fair day when friends compliment our every act, but a stormy one when they frown.

775

LET my feet be shod with mercy and love and may sympathy abide in my breast when I go amongst the children of earth that are smitten by adversity, for then will I acceptably take to them that which they need in their night of sorrow, and then, O God, Thou wilt not reprove thy servant for making of charity a farce.

776

God spake unto me this day saying, "Thine heart is not quite attuned to my holy law; therefore, attend to thy defects or thou wilt make discord."

777

The reign of beauty ceases when the reign of lust commences.

778

Albeit thou art mortal thou art also immortal and must live uprightly each day, then wilt thou find pleasure all along the way.

779

The recovery of a lost reputation is as doubtful as the recovery of a lost pearl.

780

The wail of the few is not the cry of the multitude.

781

The laugh of the maniac frightens and the laugh of the humorist amuses; therefore it is not the outward expression of mirth but the inward condition of mind that effects.

782

Fashion ridicules poverty and poverty laughs when fashion has a fall.

783

Adversity divideth the sheep from the goats in the social pastures.

784

Never frighten ambition by parading obstacles.

785

VICE in its encounter with religion is triumphant to this day, for though religions do not like it they can not destroy it in its own territory, neither can they win it over to theirs, but some day, when science controls religion it will instruct it in truer ways of reform and make it conform to natural principles and instead of leaning on the past it will be willing to listen to the present and thus prepare for the future.

786

Lisp not of thy defects lest they be magnified by the public eye, but whilst thou art striving to cure them, conceal them.

787

The view we take of another's motives is frequently an exhibition of our own.

788

Alas! what can be done to make the poor men rich and the rich men happy.

789

Whenever Satan comes to the front drive him to the rear.

790

The most delicate advice is many times rejected because the giver calls it by that name.

791

If thou showest no displeasure when thou art pained and no pleasure when thou art pleased, thou art like a dumb clock whose face is a cheat.

792

When thou art in a sea of trouble call for help, and thy cry will be answered from the interior of thy soul where there is always calm, though the waters foam on the surface.

793

It is the fate of the young and the old that they meet the Reaper alone and none escape a like encounter.

794

THE gateway of heaven is never closed and yet many miss it and enter the adjoining place; but as there is no peace for the wicked, they will eventually grow weary and inquire the way to heaven, which is the Mecca that each soul finds within its own domain, be it now or be it then.

795

When the story is large, weigh it carefully and then weigh the narrator.

796

Decay is the immediate result of vice.

797

Find no fault with virtue however awkward.

798

When thy conscience begins to prick thee, ascertain at once the cause and remove it.

799

In the decline of life keep thy mind fixed on the rising of tomorrow's sun and then wilt thou always be cheerful and young.

800

Keep to simplicity as long as thy good sense lasts and resort to mannerisms only when it is gone.

801

Fast and furious is the lash of fashion's whip over the back of society.

802

The blending of two souls into one is done only in God's laboratory. Priests and magistrates have tried and failed.

803

To him who can prophesy the future must be ascribed a sixth sense, and time will demonstrate whether he have it or whether he guesses.

804

THE birds, the butterflies, the bees and all wingèd creatures seem to live on a more pleasant plane of life than the grubs and the crawling things; but who can say that they are happier, for is not each attending to duty and filling its own sphere acceptably?

805

The waves of prejudice beat higher in uncultivated minds.

806

Rectitude of body and mind bring thee into a realization of true living unknown to them who crawl upon the earth through the mire of sense gratification.

807

The true value of discipline is known only to the disciplined who have been lashed into obedience by reason.

808

There is no short cut to wisdom; there is but one broad road and few there be who tread it.

809

Thought is somewhat tinted by its surroundings, but its quality is determined by its projector.

810

To view thyself in thy worst act would deprive thee of all vanity; but not thy sins but thy graces are commonly uppermost in thy mind, and so vanity continueth.

811

The right to criticize belongs to the century and progression demands it.

812

Though a man change his habits between night and morning he can not so quickly change his character.

813

When the sun of earthly life goes down on a misspent life the spiritual sun will rise on a misspent life.

814

IT is neither for you nor me to say who will be happiest in the day of their demise, nor, if the life has been just, have we grounds for thinking that any soul is miserable in the next world, though the religious belief was opposed to our own or though there was none at all over which to contend.

815

Deception is in vain, for every act of life is graven on the tablets of eternity, where some day they can be read by friend and foe.

816

The major part of the human family are and will be plodders; the minor are and will remain thinkers.

817

The finality of knowledge will never be reached unless Divine energy becomes aweary and stops work.

818

Much that is believed today will be abandoned tomorrow, and man will have to run to keep pace with the knowledge that is to be given to his keeping within a decade.

819

When the parson declares that a ticket to heaven can be obtained at his church only, his commercial instincts become apparent.

820

When the eyelids are heavy with weeping, the mind is too drowsy for action.

BOOK THREE

821

CCORDING to prophecy it is the dawning of a new cycle. The heavens declare that a new Christ shall appear. Not any preceding saviors shall again manifest in the flesh, nor yet a God, but the future is to be the fruition of the past, a summary of all that has been, and the adding to of much that has not been. Another round has been climbed on the ladder of evolution—a Jacob's dream interpreted for the Twentieth Century. It is the electric age of Spirituality, in which new revelations of man's possibilities are perceived, and instead of one savior, every man and woman who is illumined by truth will be a savior unto themselves and unto others, which is the end of old things and the beginning of new. The new Christ, which is the blending of all past truth with the highest present conception of truth, is the long-expected Messiah.

822

If you defy Nature's demands she will call you an imbecile and proceed to make you one.

823

Spend a morning hour with the sages and a late one with the soul and thou mayest be trusted to spend the interim with profit and decorum.

824

When we bow to the inevitable we acknowledge obedience to law.

825

Many are the deep seams and scars on the face of Nature, corresponding to those of the character in its evolution.

826

As Spring gives promise and Autumn fulfilment, let the fact be regarded as true of life.

827

THE secret of long life has never been revealed, and they who have attained it have not been more careful than they who have not, which would suggest that man's days are numbered by his Maker and that he passeth out when the hand of time points the hour that he is expected to arrive at his destination.

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The good is more enduring than the bad and eventually will control all things.

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Homely virtues are more lovable than handsome evils.

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I looked into the heart of a flower today and there I saw graven the name of its Maker.

831

When high life delights in low life it depends upon fashion to conceal its foulness, but forgets the cunning of its own soul to expose wrongdoing even at the twelfth hour.

832

Frugality is the lane leading to abundance.

833

When marching under the banner of religion, equal rights are alas! too often forgotten.

834

Don't act a fool if you can help it; but if you can't, don't be offended if called by your right name.

835

Less energy is expended to start a fight than to quell it.

836

When we want bread let us pray for knowledge wherewith to earn it.

837

CONCERNING the law and the prophets much has been written; but concerning the new law and the new prophets, more will be written that will accord strictly with the newly revealed laws of science, health and future existence.

838

Somewhere in this small world is a mind that vibrates with thine own, and at the meeting each recognizes that affinity of thought is the strongest tie that binds.

839

O blessèd death, that closes our days that our infirmities be not increased!

840

Conscience is the divine electrician that touches the button to alarm the soul of unholy approach.

841

To tell the people they are followers and not thinkers, offends them; but when they attempt to disprove it, they prove it.

842

So little of truth has been discovered that there is not enough to satisfy the needs of the human family; but time will add to the supply, and some day they will have sufficient to make them wise and lovely.

843

There is a well of love in the heart which must be constantly drawn from to keep it sweet.

844

When thy mind is stayed on religion, thou mayest do evil; but when thy mind is stayed on righteousness, thou forgettest evil.

845

Crashing through space is the thunder of progress, and the forkèd lightning of knowledge is clearing the atmosphere of ignorance.

846

TO make a scapegoat of innocence seems mean, and to pile a greater load on guilt seems cruel. What therefore can we do to appease conscience than to carry our own sins to judgment and receive the full penalty for breaking the laws of our being?

847

The liberal mind scattereth lavishly the thoughts that make men free.

848

Do not climb a tree before you see the bear.

849

There is too much ease in the lap of luxury, and those privileged to sit at will become too puny to walk the rugged road that leads to independence and contentment.

850

The wide world's neglected lesson—the value of self-denial.

851

Verily, what profiteth authority in the hands of a hermit?

852

Conjugal felicity abideth long with love, but will not tarry with lust.

853

He that carryeth a thought to slay a brother staineth his soul with murder though he refrain from the act.

854

It is as wrong for intelligence to think evil as for ignorance to do evil.

855

Be generous to thy intellect, but keep thy passions hungry.

856

If thine eye be offended, do not pluck it out, but use it for correcting the offense it beholds.

857

LITERATURE sings merrily adown the ages; it pipes the lay of the minstrel; it chants of religion; it warbles of peace and intones of war, but its sweetest songs are of undying love that are learned by each succeeding generation.

858

A legend satisfies until the truth is revealed.

859

A handsome bride maketh a vain husband, but a homely one maketh him speak her virtues.

860

As a spider spins a web to entrap a fly, so does a liar spin a story to ensnare the credulous.

861

Be provident today if thou wouldst have ease tomorrow.

862

So order thine own life that thou wilt be a living copy of the law.

863

What more delightful than the companionship of the heroes and heroines of literature—their willingness to talk with us makes them indeed precious when inclemency separates us from the outer world.

864

The most serious thoughts that occupy the attention of a man are his own possibilities.

865

Never permit thyself to be robbed for the chance it may give thee of discovering the thief.

866

The undeveloped faculties of man are many, and one by one they will spring up as evolution prepares the soil to grow them.

867

THOU art the painter of thine own portrait which is to be exhibited in the universal gallery; thou art each day adding some color or changing a feature, sometimes disfiguring and sometimes improving the work—the likeness will be true to thy character if not to thy ideal.

868

Nothing exceeds the immodesty of prudery searching for immodesty.

869

When brighter light and newer inspiration shall penetrate the catacombs of past religious conceptions, much that has been adored will be abolished.

870

When the heart is pierced by a sharp tongue, how difficult to hide the pain, yet it is essential to conceal the wound lest we be struck again in the same place.

871

When the soul desires to withdraw from its physical tabernacle, it presses the eyelids in slumber and its flight and return are unseen.

872

A cleverly trained athlete can be overcome by the smallest vice that he may challenge.

873

Never have there been so many *isms* as now, and never so much of truth and individual growth.

874

Hasty judgments are not recorded by wisdom.

875

Not all are willing to crowd at the heels of fashion, but those who do are inclined to laugh at those who do not, who in turn pity those who follow the profitless task.

876

SAYEST thou that one who doeth wrong and another who doeth right shall become sharers in the same future, simply because they are sharers in the same faith? Nay, it can not be, for their minds are in opposite directions and lead to different conditions.

877

A few trembling leaves ever cling to the branches of Winter, which look so lifeless and cold that they give no pleasure, but turn backward the mind to the Summer that is past as they moan in the chill wind," I am dying, I am dead."

878

Be good to thyself and treat thy neighbor as thyself.

879

The voice of Nature calls gently to her wayward children, but at last she punishes severely all those who persist in disobeying her commands.

880

Let peace reign in thy mind from the rising of the East sun till the going down of the West sun, and in the darkness shall no discord trouble thee.

881

The wise husband will confer with his wife in domestic matters before putting into operation all the energy of his masculine opinion.

882

Most frequently a hard heart accompanies a soft hand.

883

The face concealed behind the mask of death is a smiling face.

884

Stand your ground when it is prudent, but when a bull is running toward you it is safer to vault the fence.

885

THE careless man speaks as familiarly of God as of a neighbor; but the reverent are willing to confess their ignorance of the characteristics, wishes or intent of Divinity and are willing to draw lessons from human experiences. The question then forwards: Why should one of two good men profess to know all about a personal God when the other honestly admits that there is no way whereby information may be obtained?

886

Verily he that runneth after novelty runneth fast and in a circle—where he starteth in the morn there arriveth he at nightfall.

887

Woe unto him who revileth with his tongue and from whose lips profanity falleth with ease, for his own words shall ensnare his mind and make unclean the abiding-place of his spirit.

888

If a man breaks his word he will break any other pledge without compunction.

889

Only the happiest should espouse the gloomiest, for only the happiest could endure the gloomiest.

890

The boy is the promise of the man, and those traits which govern his childhood will govern the man though they be concealed by embellishment.

891

They who follow the plain path of duty, guided by love, the same shall find peace at the end of this life's journey.

892

We are all sailors, and each is master of his own craft; therefore we can not blame another if we are shipwrecked.

893

DIGNITY added to virtue and honesty and this trinity added to wisdom would make a king fit to rule over men—and these qualities possessed by all men would make all men kings and fit to rule themselves.

894

God has placed a light in every soul, but man often puts it out.

895

Great undertakings we are too apt to shun and only the little ones do we encounter willingly, but it is the great achievements that make men famous.

896

There is never a better time to practise economy than the present, for the economy of today makes thee rich tomorrow.

897

Things enduring can not be purchased cheaply; they must be bought with years of toiling and the life-blood of many.

898

Conformity to law would render man perfect; therefore, it is his duty to study the science of living.

899

Faults are more conspicuous when ornamented with apologies.

900

The faster a coward runs from duty, the more certain is he to encounter it when he doubles the track.

901

Naked came I into this world, and naked go I from it; yet let it not be said that I am not richer for having passed through it.

902

Measure for measure will be meted to those who present evil to the innocent.

903

THE civilization of the future will not be as the civilization of the past, nor will the religion that is coming with it to bless mankind conflict with science. Only the best of all that has been will be retained and the dreams of the just will come to pass.

904

Respect the I and you will respect the great I Am.

905

Before many generations have been added to the past the churches must be remodeled from cornerstone to spire upon the broad lines of universal brotherhood.

906

Penury is an inconvenience borne with little grace by vanity, and though pride may suffer also, it never causes its downfall.

907

Vanity and envy make the poor hate the rich.

908

When an ass prefers a thistle it is a foolish waste of time to coax him to swallow a fresh idea.

909

However much one may deny a truth it does not vary it one jot or tittle.

910

Little can be said in favor of silence when a great wrong is being perpetrated.

911

When asking a blessing from the angels of light, turn not thy face nor stretch thy hand toward the Prince of Darkness.

912

A lion in the way and a destroyer of men is he who opposes the freest discussion of any subject pertaining to the welfare of the human family.

913

WHAT do I know of love? Ask me not, for my soul sings only to my soul and never to the world, and should I sing to thee or thou to me we might sing for ages and could not understand; but when I whisper to mine and mine to me, two blending souls triumphant rise where none may hear.

914

Female vanity attempts to stay the hand of time by counting short the years, but the Great Recorder is never deceived by deception.

915

The more we study social conditions the better we understand them, but who will say the subject is mastered, for do not complexities multiply with the spread of civilization and the increase of wealth?

916

If you are poor and desire to be rich, dally not with indolence.

917

If you write but one line per diem as moved to write, at the age of seventy you will have a remarkable volume giving a glimpse of the fears, hopes and aspirations that have filled your days.

918

The universe is composed of atoms—and thou, O man, art an atom; but think not meanly of thyself, for, however small, thou art as important in the arrangement of the divine plan as the archangel.

919

The disparagement of others brings thyself to immediate judgment.

920

One can not afford to harbor ill will, because one can not repair the damage that is wrought in the mind when therein confined.

921

IT is a great distance to God if thou seest Him sitting in the clouds, but if He dwell in thy heart thou art near unto Him and it is well with thee in the morning and the evening, and in the midday thou canst enter into the holy temple and commune with Him.

922

In the night of error come thoughts that affright, but the morning of truth driveth them afar.

923

It requires great energy to drive an idea into a block-head.

924

Too little can not be learned of scandal, and no one should be persuaded to handle much for pleasure.

925

Civilization will not crucify its saviors, but will spare them for its teachers.

926

Ask a stranger to share your purse and he admires—ask him to divide his and he despises—this is a freak in human nature worthy of observation.

927

There is many a glorious victory won in a battle fought without sword or powder.

928

To raise a hue and cry of heresy brings the crier to the front, but it does not hold him there.

929

The great need of the hour is honesty of a kind that will make a man honest with himself, so that he will preach what he believes and practise what he preaches.

930

To be at peace with the world is to be at peace with the ruler.

931

ALMIGHTY effort has ever been made to discourage the analysis of the beliefs and dogmas held sacred by religions, but when the tides of the sea are stayed by the raising of a warning finger, then will wise men compare no more the unreasonable with the reasonable.

932

Believe thou art going to Heaven and prepare thyself for thy destination.

933

The loudest complaints come from the most inferior servitors.

934

Inasmuch as ye ask favors, grant them; and if ye ask them not, grant them frequently to average the account of a poorer brother who always needs and has nothing to give.

935

It is a frightful leap from virtue to vice.

936

The ultimate of a soul is beyond the knowledge of a finite mind, and however positive the assertion it is guesswork.

937

If a man give a portion of his goods to feed the poor, of the remainder will his own food be rich and of abundant flavor.

938

A verbal contract witnessed by God should be binding, but a written contract witnessed by man is safer.

939

The secret of patience is hope.

940

Teach children how to reason and they will seldom resort to force when men.

941

POVERTY is the universal plague of mankind, and at some distant day when it is vanquished men will read of the sufferings of the past and say to the young: "We are not today as were other men in the long ago, and let us utter thanks that our time is now and not then."

942

As bold as an oyster is he who, from the seclusion of safety, advises blows.

943

A logician keepeth his mind in order for any emergency, but foolishness brayeth like a wild ass and no one heedeth the sound.

944

Give to the children much milk with their loaf, or they will complain of the dryness and refuse their daily lesson.

945

The substance of worlds is thought emanations from the Divine mind.

946

He who goeth to his couch in anger approaches the silence of sleep unsafely.

947

To jump from the earth to the moon would not be more impossible than for some minds to jump from an old belief to a new one.

948

A fuller share of joy falleth to him who perceiveth in his youth that the building of a character that will stand the temptations of time is the noblest occupation of life.

949

He who wills to do good and does evil is not more blameworthy than he who wills to do evil and does good.

950

The sails of economy should be trimmed to suit every wind that blows; then whether it be the fair breezes of prosperity or the gales of adversity, thy bark will ride easily.

951

Follow the thread of life through the woof of time, and though the weaver cast the shuttle with care and skill, there will be imperfect places from the first to the last ell.

952

Retribution follows evil with stealth, overtaking and overpowering it when all thought of danger is past.

953

I can not undo the wrong I have already done, but I may not do more.

954

The reasonableness of the new religious thought that is permeating the old theology is an aid to its general acceptance, for many there be and many more there will be to whom old beliefs are impossible.

955

Many people of today love creeds and ceremonies better than they love one another, and will till they put away childish things.

956

If a ruler love power more than mercy, dethrone him that he may not destroy.

957

Let us help the unfortunate without despising them, for therein lies our power of discriminating between them and their condition.

958

The testimony of the ages declares that man is kin to God and God is kin to man, and the two sounding the scale of life together make Divine harmony that is heard by ears attuned.

959

Love and confidence abide long together if not disturbed, but when once the happy relation is molested, the happy relation is seldom restored.

960

The most profitable occupation for an idler is the planting of a new vineyard.

961

Wherever there is poverty there is misery unless there be virtue, that heavenly comforter that makes it endurable.

962

Continuous scolding hardens the transgressor.

963

Man's idea of the intercession of Divine providence seems to be the shaping of the natural into the unnatural and the unnatural into the natural.

964

The time and energy wasted in foolish argument would, if wisely directed, feed them that are hungry and clothe the naked.

965

A grain of comfort may be gleaned from the belief that some day the vilest sinner must become righteous by his own exertion.

966

Man has been given a boundless universe to study, but he may confine himself to the most obscure corners of it and die in ignorance if he choose.

967

Hallowed the ashes of our dead, but most beloved their arisen souls, and henceforth not in the tomb should we seek them but from whence they are.

968

That it is nearer to the well by a straight path than by a crooked one not all are yet convinced.

969

The tree does not blossom at the root in darkness, but at the top in the sunlight—yet this simple fact in Nature we too often forget when studying man. It is not in materiality but in spirituality that beauty appeareth.

970

Man has the privilege of walking with angels of intelligence or with demons of ignorance, and his choice is most apparent.

971

It is a beautiful prospect from the mountain of hope overlooking the plains of despair to the fertile vales of prosperity.

972

God has planted the tree of reason in the human mind, that man may eat of the fruit thereof and know good from evil.

973

Pride is indigenous to the human family and there are many varieties, vanity being of the poisonous kind.

974

Nature punishes those who rob the night of slumber.

975

It is easier to feed pigs on their own level than it is to place the trough on the top of the hill and drive them up.

976

Suspect no evil, but be not blind to its approach.

977

He who begetteth a wise child blesses mankind, but he who begetteth a fool increaseth sorrow.

978

Make thyself a living example of righteousness, that a king be honored if thou ask him to follow thee to the hills of eternity.

979

When it is cold, men moan, and when it is warm, they groan; yet if men were consulted concerning the weather, they would be in perpetual war and none be always pleased.

980

Occupation assuages bereavement and makes it possible to smile after the death angel has been a guest.

981

Sin will leave the earth when all men permit.

982

A slothful mind dwells in the swamps of life from whence rises the miasma of decay.

983

Industry guards the door of fame.

984

Folly marks the course that fools follow.

985

A young sinner may covet innocence; but an old sinner despises it.

986

Black is the smoke that rises from burning slander, and none can approach without disfigurement.

987

The illustrious marvel at their elevation even more than the people who gaze at them.

988

It is easier to take hold of vice than to let go, but easier to overcome than to endure to the end.

989

One may live an almost sinless life and yet an almost useless one.

990

Wealth is a persistent accuser when bought with honor.

991

TODAY we are singing the song of yesterday, and tomorrow we sing the song of today, be it major or be it minor. Memory gives the key and sets the measure, and whether or not we like the pitch or the movement, we must sing it and sing it to the never-ending end.

992

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and the majority are displeased thereat.

993

If thou wouldst be popular thou must be wealthy, witty or wise.

994

The most vital studies concerning the human family have not yet been broached.

995

Man must depart from all manner of evil to grow symmetrical. As yet, the earth has not produced one of perfect proportions; but when the laws of being are known, the true type may be born.

996

One may learn the alphabet in childhood, but experience is not contained in a primer.

997

Wherever a sleeping truth is awakened by man, it responds instantly to the deep questions of his soul.

998

Success is in proportion to the right kind of effort—unwisely directed force leads to disappointment.

999

Pleasure scattereth when fear cometh nigh.

1000

With some it is always merrymaking: they dance around a Maypole all their days, and at the end have only weariness for their exertion.

1001

Throughout the length and breadth of our country are heard the cries of want and the clanking chains of crime—wherefore this in a land of boastful churches?

1002

When thou art cornered, submit if thou be wrong; but if thou art right, let thy courage be as a right arm in defense of thy conscience.

1003

As the soil is to the seed, so is thought to the man.

1004

Gather the faggots of experience every day and burn them at eventide for the illumination of thy soul.

1005

To gain a foretaste of heaven, behave now as you expect to then.

1006

Two dangers that attend wealth are hardness of heart and forgetfulness.

1007

A fool is the fright of his friends.

1008

The world may find an excuse for thy first offense, but for thy second it inclines not to look for one.

1009

Criminals are, alas! a nation's dishonor.

1010

The profoundest scholars can not solve the why of being nor the whither of man.

1011

In the dawning of the new life what shall we behold—a session of a supreme court or a natural flower-strewn world and a loved one to greet us? Methinks the latter, and that the Infinite will not be revealed for eons of time to the finite.

1012

OH, ye dames of great fashion! I beseech thee heed not more your milliner than your conscience, and if the latter question thee concerning the unfortunate, listen lest one of God's daughters be famishing.

1013

Be submissive to discipline, but never to imposition.

1014

To hate one another is to hate God's handiwork.

1015

How blest the rest bestowed upon honest toil, but how frightful the specter that haunts the chamber of guilt!

1016

So softly steal both good and evil thoughts into the mind that they are frequently firmly established ere discovered, and in trying to dislodge the bad the good are rudely jostled.

1017

Virtue that is preserved through fear is impure.

1018

The vaporings of a misty mind, though bound in gold and vellum, must perish quickly and unlamented.

1019

To prefer rhyme to reason is any man's privilege, but to prefer reason to all else is the wise man's choice.

1020

Nature records all her work, and man's study is to decipher the hieroglyphics.

1021

Love is the feminine savior of the world.

1022

When force is exhausted on trifles, when an emergency is met there is not enough left to overcome it.

1023

Know ye, all peoples, that life on earth is to the immortal soul but the brushing of a bee's wing against one of ten thousand flowers, so many and so varied are the uncountable worlds about and beyond this.

1024

In the light of intelligence perceive we both the faults and the graces of mankind.

1025

Should joy a vacuum make, a nearby tear will fill it.

1026

How pleasant to walk with reason in the groves of religion, but how dreary to walk with religion in the bogs of superstition !

1027

Silence is the wide moat that surrounds the temple of the living spirit.

1028

It is erroneous to suppose that licentiousness can be destroyed by much reading. It can not be read out, but must be bred out.

1029

In all the world there is naught so fair and so holy as truth.

1030

Anywhere that a man may go with safety a woman may go with propriety.

1031

The garden of paradise is the garden of the soul, wherein man and woman have been placed to cultivate and perfect character. Paradise is lost when evil enters in, and regained when evil is driven out.

1032

A torch in a cave and a cooling spring in a desert are real blessings only when they are the right thing in the right place at the right time. So is it with all aid. It must be timely and appropriate to benefit.

1033

I HAVE watched thee, O mortal, and I have seen thee bud and blossom in the storm of adversity, and I have seen thee blossom in the sun-glow of prosperity, and I know not whether one flower be fairer than the other or more perfect.

1034

An intellect is the building of all ages past.

1035

If thou perceive not a divine and holy purpose in life, thou art not living within the realm of reason, which proclaims in a loud voice, "Law is God and God is law."

1036

Redress for wrong can not be obtained by any process of revenge.

1037

Whatever thy religion, a righteous life will lead thee safely to one of thy Father's mansions.

1038

Nature has ordained that perpetual change is man's destiny.

1039

Men and women should train themselves to recognize virtues as quickly as faults.

1040

Prejudice is one-eyed, and to weigh and measure correctly there is need of two.

1041

Everybody likes praise, but none more than the undeserving.

1042

Subterranean rivers and caverns must be discovered before they can be mapped, and so it is with the unknown recesses of the mind; but they are no less interesting and wonderful because they are concealed.

1043

AS long as young women will accept tarnished husbands, they will present themselves with much boldness; but with refusal will come reform, and with reform will come a purer and happier generation, and the sons and daughters of love will be as gods, knowing good from evil, and knowing shall they do the good and eschew the evil.

1044

The root of all evil is ignorance.

1045

Mercy must be extended to those who have not earned it.

1046

Pleasure awaits those who seek it through avenues of kindness.

1047

The stream that rises in an impure mind can not be purified by word of mouth.

1048

When the evening of life comes we draw the curtains of silence about our couch that we may rest.

1049

Though angels walk with men they can not make all men angelic.

1050

Superiority accompanied with modesty merits admiration.

1051

If thou art too prone to talk thou wilt be too careless of reflection.

1052

They whom the ocean rocks to sleep awake mid fields of bloom.

1053

Sympathy should not be adulterated with too much pity.

1054

A farewell spoken at the grave over the silent form is well-nigh unbearable when in the old thought of fear; but in the new thought of love and nearness, the heart does not so often break.

1055

The Laplander and the Hottentot are not disturbed by the throes of fashion; but civilization, alas! is convulsed each season to the undoing of health and morals.

1056

Whithersoever the mind, whithersoever the body.

1057

Be temperate in thy habits that thy soul be not deformed.

1058

The liberty given vice indicates the confidence that goodness has in wickedness to become better.

1059

No sorrow lies so heavy on the heart as that which must therein be concealed.

1060

They who rest with confidence on Nature's breast, rest thoroughly.

1061

The mighty upheavals of Nature are the breathings of progress.

1062

The holiest spot on earth is where love lives, surrounded by all the splendor of its divine creation.

1063

Repentance may come before or after death, but in either case good works must follow or it is futile.

1064

Fame is most difficult to lure from her high place by them who have not perseverance.

1065

To fix an idea in the mind, grasp it firmly and remove all superfluities; it can then be placed in the mental cabinet with less danger of falling out.

1066

The aim of a mind is no higher than itself.

1067

The mastery of self is an achievement of which any student should be proud.

1068

An old saw becomes dull with much use.

1069

Love an erring brother, love an erring sister, and so fulfil the law; but love not their deeds nor think their deeds are they.

1070

Habitual monotony dries the fountain of language.

1071

Generosity delights in exercising its own will, and is embarrassed when hindered by circumstances.

1072

A prolific source of misconduct is mismating.

1073

Complaining is as depressing as a gray morning.

1074

It is a long lane through the woods of adversity, but the turning comes at the first clearing.

1075

An empty head maketh an empty heart.

1076

The bitterness of life can be sweetened to the very dregs with pure love.

1077

Frankness can never be made altogether popular.

1078

LETTERS are the leaves that fall from the tree of life and are wafted into our dooryards by every wind that blows. A few are from the branches of knowledge, some from the dry limbs of commerce, and others crimson-dyed with love—precious letters these, which sentiment preserves long years.

1079

The narrower the religious plank upon which men walk, the more danger of falling off should they disagree.

1080

The outcome of hate is destruction.

1081

Coasting down the hill of experience is sport for youth; but elderly people prefer to stay on the summit, when they have toiled to get there.

1082

Commonsense is the salt of common life.

1083

The will of the drunkard is as frail as his promises.

1084

When the drawbridge of caution is open, it were madness for impatience to jump off the pier.

1085

Once a soul had to be of asbestos to withstand the fires of religious hatred; but better thought has modified the heat until the public feel quite safe.

1086

A hundred tales of victory are told to one of defeat.

1087

Poverty is one of the commonest allies of intemperance, and when they parade together they defy sympathy.

1088

Vulgarity frequently wears the exterior of refinement to conceal its offensiveness, that it may with greater freedom exercise its propensities.

1089

Retribution and revolution are two swift steeds when started, that can not be controlled by any line of reason. They run till they fall from exhaustion.

1090

Until men are angels they will err.

1091

When the sun is obscured by clouds it were preposterous to say it will not shine again; therefore, in time of adversity be not hopeless.

1092

Long sermons have more words than short ones; but that makes them no more instructive nor interesting.

1093

Ambition is not stimulated so much by luxury as by poverty.

1094

Great rivers of knowledge flow from the four quarters of the earth, to water the garden of the soul that it may bear abundant wisdom.

1095

Glad are the rocks and the rills,
Glad are the fields and the hills,
Filling the space that God wills.

1096

When right meets wrong there is a fierce conflict, and the victory can not be until right is triumphant.

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Thought is the substance wherewith we clothe the mind with coarse or fine raiment, and the fashioning of the garment is according to taste.

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TO withdraw the mind from worldly things and place it wholly upon spiritual may seem a simple task; try it, and convince yourself that it is a most difficult phase of mental discipline. In spite of heroic efforts the daily life will peep through the door and make wry faces, and your mind starts on a tour around the busy world and lingers longer in the marts than in the cloister.

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Adversity is not an enemy when it comes to teach.

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When right meets wrong there is a fierce conflict, and the victory can not be until right is triumphant.

1101

Mirth in the house of mourning disturbs not the dead, nor need it offend the living, for aught that promotes laughter lessens the tension of grief and releases the angel therein held.

1102

The gay throng sports with the passing moment, and when it disperses goes to yesterday or tomorrow for enjoyment.

1103

Holiness is a rare tree in the garden of life; few there be who sit beneath its flowering branches or taste its delicious fruit.

1104

Every thought that passes through the mind is recorded by the little brain-cell to which it is assigned, and is ever ready for use whether wanted or not.

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To be bound to a creed is like entering a dark cave where the light of a new day can not enter.

1106

Give the young occasional advice, but daily example.

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WHEN conscience convicts of wrongdoing too late in life to make restitution, the soul may not find peace in the hereafter until the wrongs are righted—and who can say when the opportunity may be found or how cruelly remorse may sting?

1108

Silence is the gateway to the heaven within.

1109

Let us measure the facts before speaking of the size of a matter.

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Many who are given the opportunity to reach distinction are restrained by indolence.

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If thou art caught on the hook of dependence thou wilt be speedily landed.

1112

The world praises the " I am " of success, but will not consider the " might have been."

1113

The voice of the public is not the voice of reason when it clamors for vengeance.

1114

In the Book of Nature are written all the laws that govern God and man; but they are written in many and strange signs which man is yet pondering, and puzzled are both the wise men and the children.

1115

If the tree of literature yield no fruit for thee, it hath the green leaves of poetry and prose which thou mayest pluck for thy adornment.

1116

If thou wouldst live a life of rectitude, beware of the blandishments of selfish persuasion.

1117

WHENCE this harmony that I waking hear? Is it the singing of my own soul to the accompaniment of its own environment, or is it the singing of another spirit anear mine own? Give me answer, sweet Nature, and I will record what thou sayest to me in the still hour that I set apart for communing with thee.

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A wag is the thorn of staid company.

1119

Unto every one born of woman cometh disciplinary experience which is the leaven of life, and without it one could not rise.

1120

Negligence is closely related to disaster.

1121

More profitable than commercial bonds are the qualities of mind that outlive the passing moment.

1122

Dearly beloved, prepare ye for the journey outward and look to thy spiritual wardrobe to consider wherewith ye shall be clothed for the new world.

1123

Little is demanded of fools, but much of wise men.

1124

The amount of sin in the world is not greater nor less than the amount of ignorance.

1125

Verily when the heart beareth a great sorrow it careth naught for pleasures.

1126

Love is the bloom of hope.

1127

To serve the world nobly is to serve God nobly.

1128

AN impenetrable sea-fog is not more dangerous to the mariner's moving ship than is the immoral fog that hangs over the fair land of society to the inexperienced. Alas! the wrecks because the rocks of vice are not plainly defined by those in authority.

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In the soul's great thirst for truth it may be persuaded occasionally to sip of error.

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Wherever man dwells he makes possible unholy and devastating war.

1131

Prudence should be the best loved of all friends, but she is much neglected for that silly and garrulous jade called Imprudence.

1132

It is unbecoming for youth to rebuke age, either by look or act, or to neglect infirmity, however disagreeable.

1133

It is better to wait for the sun of opportunity to rise than to start in the night and lose the way.

1134

The individual thought of one generation may be the general thought of the following.

1135

Every one must observe that he who climbs steadily toward the summit of the mount is never overtaken by one who walks around the base.

1136

When attacked by a ruffian defend yourself, but when attacked by a simpleton treat him with laughter.

1137

The only remedy for a sour disposition is amiability, self-administered in large doses.

1138

NO line that is traced on the inner book of life is ever erased. There are hours when the whole weird story sweeps past with all its glaring imperfections exaggerated by time to a degree that shocks and alarms. Is that my life? Is that thy life? We deny it, but the phantoms follow and defiantly claim us, and at last we bow to the inevitable, and acknowledge our own biography written by our own hand.

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To do that which deprives another of innocent pleasure adds no luster to thyself.

1140

The futility of legislation compared with education will be apparent as long as the prisons and asylums are crowded with the unfortunate.

1141

Suffering turns the mind in opposite directions for help: to the within for spiritual consolation, and to the without for physical relief.

1142

Prudery lacks discernment.

1143

When trouble approacheth, gird up thy spirit to meet it with dignity.

1144

It is easier to render unto Cæsar the things that belong to Cæsar than to render unto God, for men know not always right from wrong.

1145

When a man finds a truth without seeking, he will find pearls and rubies at his feet.

1146

To be watchful is to be wise; but to be wise is not always to be watchful.

1147

IT would be most unpleasant to run behind a wagon the whole time, but this do they who run after Dame Fashion's swift-rolling equipage. She never stops, but flings a look of contempt now and then from her lofty seat at those who fall behind, which she intends shall cut them to the quick.

1148

The unlettered can fortell events as accurately as the scholar, but neither is infallible.

1149

Missionaries go too far from home.

1150

Many minds travel in underground darkness unconscious of a lighted way above them.

1151

That which we do unselfishly we are doing for ourselves.

1152

See to it, O child of folly, that you walk not too long in the garden of the senses, but walk more in spiritual and intellectual fields to become more familiar with thy better self.

1153

There be few who would continue in evil did they know good; but alas! with good, few can honestly claim intimacy, as their thoughts can testify.

1154

Life is a chain of human advancement, and every discovery adds a link to its endless length.

1155

Prophets claim to reveal the future, but what is most needed is one who can solve the present.

1156

An imitation deceives none so much as the imitator.

1157

Man has not been permitted to stand upon the North nor the South Pole of understanding, but he may run around the equator at will; and for this reason he cares not so much to do so, but ever seeks the unattainable.

1158

The feebleness of age has been likened to the helplessness of infancy; but it is threescore years from it, and the milestones of life should not count for naught.

1159

Tribulation is the filter through which the stream of humanity runs.

1160

The influx of spiritual light is like the steady shining of the North Star.

1161

When a youth goeth forth with a determination to resist temptation, he is not so beset by temptation.

1162

Sitting on the rock of intemperance is a siren who pipes many a wandering soul to death.

1163

If the prince hath not finer instincts than the servitor, it is the prince who suffers the more by comparison.

1164

When the stream of human passion is shallow, it may be forded with dry soles; but when it is a mad torrent, it were death to attempt a crossing.

1165

When the flood comes, go to the attic; but when the wind threatens, go to the cellar: good sense averts disaster.

1166

When plucking the roses of life we receive many scratches from ugly thorns.

1167

AN hour will come in the life of every man when all that is evil will be hideous and all that is good will be beautiful; but this wakeful hour will not be until the soul is purified by the experience of another and a higher life.

1168

Whatsoever labor a man can spare his hand should be added to his intellect.

1169

Feeble are the thoughts of men and women when they are not deeply rooted in knowledge.

1170

Learn thy lesson well, O child, for thy Maker may require of thee what thou knowest this very hour.

1171

A gravedigger stands behind the door of every grog-shop, waiting to drive a victim to the Potter's Field.

1172

The forerunner of disease is sin—and what is sin? A violation of law, whether in ignorance or in defiance.

1173

If thou wouldst be accounted wise, thou must not express foolishness.

1174

The further from truth we stray, the further we wander from our final home.

1175

Interpret the language of flowers as thou wilt, they all speak with the voice of love, and dead is the heart that does not listen.

1176

Particular attention has been given to ethics in Christian communities, which has caused immorality to be more carefully concealed from prying eyes.

1177

THE spirit world, be it near or be it far, must be revolving in space with the precision of this little world, for it seemeth a truth that all worlds move according to rotary law, divine and unalterable, and that nothing that is is stationary. Possibly there may be a rising and setting of a spiritual sun to enjoy, and fair landscapes may be spread before the artistic eye. And is it not reasonable to assume that the world to which we journey is a refined counterpart of this earth planet which we love? This is a pleasant conception, so let us entertain it in place of others less agreeable and less reasonable.

1178

Classic literature when it meets a friend is at home with commonest surroundings.

1179

It is as serious for the soul's welfare to think wrong as to do wrong.

1180

To be handicapped by ignorance is almost sure defeat in the great race of life.

1181

Could we turn the leaves of the future we might neglect the present page.

1182

Muddy minds, like muddy water, must be filtered, or the health of the whole neighborhood is endangered.

1183

If ye sow weeds, expect not to harvest grain.

1184

Bravery is meritorious; but it consists in enduring as much as doing.

1185

Verbosity is never happier than when facts are lean, for 't is then its talents are best exercised.

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HEAVEN is in the mind, and varies according to the quality of the mind. Many find it in vice, many in virtue; some in avenues of religion, others in ways of learning; and as death deals only with the external man, it is reasonable to believe that after fording the invisible river, it will not be at once monotonous.

1187

Marvel not when ye are told what God has said, but marvel much at the boldness of a man who says it.

1188

None heareth advice so humbly as he who is suffering physical disease.

1189

Always look out for breakers when sailing along the dangerous coast of dependence.

1190

If a viper coils in thy pathway, if thou art weak it is prudent to walk around it.

1191

Should a wave of misfortune upset my earthly craft, I shall not perish so long as I cling to a single hope.

1192

If there be aught in thy mind today that thou wilt not need tomorrow, cast it out.

1193

Never permit prejudice to occupy the guest-chamber.

BOOK FOUR

1194

BRIGHTER light will shine for thee, O child of the coming age, than flickered for thy brother in ages past, and many things thou wilt see that were not shown to him. Thy very hands shall clasp the heavens, and thy feet shall tread the electric currents that flow between the spheres. Into thy mind shall be poured the wisdom of unknown worlds, and into thy heart shall flow the love that will enable thee to use thy inheritance wisely. Another sense shall be added for thy pleasure, and thou wilt see visions, and the scroll of hidden things shall be held before thee, that thou mayest learn many lessons. Great books shall multiply and intelligence increase as never before: the new Adam and the new Eve shall be as the inhabitants of celestial realms, and no more shall they be vexed with the weakness of the flesh, but they shall live in the strength that is born of knowledge.

1195

The livery of Satan glitters in society, but at home he wears his coat inside out or takes it off altogether, which makes him far less attractive than in full dress and haberdashery.

1196

The science of religion is not a treatise on the unknowable, but is confined to the knowable.

1197

A thought of love is as near as a thought of hate, and in a moment of foolish haste we select the latter.

1198

The happiness of the world depends upon the right doing of each inhabitant thereof.

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The key of duty will unlock the door of happiness.

1200

The exercise of any gift without due cultivation thereof is like unto the sounds produced on a key-board by one having a musical temperament but knowing naught of the relation of notes.

1201

Goodness perceives so much of evil that its peace is marred in its endeavor to overcome it.

1202

Forever and ever will tender hearts be hurt by cruel ones, for it seemeth that to all time there will be degrees of sensitiveness, and the harder will grind the softer.

1203

Mercy and love proceed from truth—cruelty and hatred from error.

1204

Abasement is not any part of Godliness.

1205

The Commonwealth is injured not more by criminals than by idlers.

1206

It is a fact that ostentation is seldom found in company with the highest intelligence.

1207

Tears oft heal a wounded heart.

1208

It is easier to abide by the proprieties of society than to endure its scorn.

1209

Hold only to the good, and the evil will go in peace.

1210

If today could probe the tomorrow, men would live in the tomorrow to the fatal neglect of today.

1211

He that is without discretion is without peace.

1212

THE voice of Nature calls from the forest and from the sea; from mountain-peak and spicy isle; and to each it says, "Abide with me, abide with me, thou weary toiler, and I will give thee rest and teach thee hallowed song."

1213

We may ask of a neighbor his opinion, but let us not give him ours unsolicited.

1214

In defense of free thought be it said, Manacled thought is out of place in a Republic.

1215

It is dangerous to place temptation in the way of greed.

1216

Antiquity merits neither admiration nor adoration solely because it is hoary with age and mystery.

1217

The leaders of any cult are prone to consider their own advancement of as much importance as the cult itself.

1218

Though nothing can be well done that is not done with enthusiasm, much that is done with enthusiasm is not well done.

1219

Vexatious trifles, though small, will sting like gnats if allowed to light upon us.

1220

Let it be said of thee that thou didst no intentional wrong.

1221

The bed of the ocean can not be judged by its surface, and only many soundings will determine its depth—likewise is this true of the mind.

1222

If thou wouldst not offend thy nearest friend, treat thyself with deference and politeness.

1223

Always be prepared to welcome truth from whatsoever direction it may arrive.

1224

The visible signs of God's wrath are fewer than man's.

1225

So swift is the flight of time that joy perceives it not, but sorrow counts every motion of its wings.

1226

The way to Paradise is not up golden stairs; but a quiet walk along the beaten paths of duty.

1227

Swift moves the hour, but swifter moves opportunity, and men grow weary in the race and cease to run, and straightway the world labels them failures.

1228

If thou canst not love a persistent wrongdoer, pity him that thou mayest not despise.

1229

Be faithful to thyself, that wickedness cease to prevail.

1230

The most insolent vice is that which walketh abroad as though it were a virtue.

1231

The cure for sin is Will, and if thou hast not Will thou art as grass upon the wayside trampled by every careless foot.

1232

If thy friend be a lifetime doing nothing, it is because he works aimlessly; then be not discouraged, if thy purpose is definite.

2133

THE beautiful is the possession of all mankind. If riches exclude poverty by high palings, there is the sunlit heavens and the starlit canopy; for God is gracious to the lowliest and has so placed the orbs of light that each may behold them without hindrance.

1234

The thunderclouds of scandal rise whenever gossips meet.

1235

Charlatanism is not the exclusive possession of knaves, but belongs in part to every one who preys upon the people socially, politically or religiously with unfair intent.

1236

Whoso deceiveth, lieth in his mind.

1237

The price of sinning is thyself.

1238

The light of the mind is the light of all ages, and darkness invariably follows the abridgment of reason.

1239

No man runneth so fast and so far as retribution.

1240

The danger of wrongdoing for pleasure's sake is shown by the sequel.

1241

Thou canst not keep thy robes white if thou hast not cleanly surroundings.

1242

How sweet the peace after the turmoil of unrest is removed!

1243

Man loves to dwell upon the thought that life continues beyond the tomb and that individuality is his eternal possession.

1244

SHIRKING duty to avoid trouble is like journeying with an empty trunk: when you arrive at your destination you have no change of raiment and must stand in the travel-stained garments of selfishness before many guests.

1245

Happiness never smiles on evil nor will it remain near it.

1246

Though fast falls the hail about thee, it melts quickly.

1247

When the floodgates of selfishness are open, the wheels of Mammon grind.

1248

At the very door of opulence, starvation sits dumb in a profligate land.

1249

A fool casts his net into the sea of folly to bring forth degradation.

1250

Science approaches the earth with more courage than ever before, for she knows that she will neither lose her head nor be cast into a dungeon any more for speaking to men.

1251

The mind inclineth to spiritual things, did not the exigencies of the life-struggle turn it in other directions.

1252

It is a slow march to middle life, but a quickstep thereafter.

1253

To every day is vouchsafed a fair prize, which is too often overlooked in the scramble for money.

1254

There is more harm to thyself in silence than in utterance when a principle is assailed.

1255

Does time stand still and permit man to run toward it, or does it approach as he stands and waits?

1256

If you question the veracity of others, they are only meeting you halfway if they question yours.

1257

The obtrusive things command attention; the unobtrusive are passed unnoticed, unless observation touches us and whispers, "Behold something unlike its neighbor."

1258

When traveling fast on the right road do not halt so suddenly that thy followers will trip over thee.

1259

When the people gather riches for display they serve Mammon fashionably.

1260

If thy morals be high, thy acts can not be low.

1261

It is easier to offend than to apologize, which shows that the easy way is not invariably the better way.

1262

Sympathy is the great commoner.

1263

Decide early what you would like to be, and then be what you decided you would like to be.

1264

When the lamp of love burns brightly in the cottage and the kettle sings merrily on the hob, the housewife has found a feasible method of outwitting the dramshop.

1265

The beauty of life is not revealed to them who live in sense gratification.

1266

WHITHER goest thou, my soul, tonight on thy silent pilgrimage? Wilt thou explore the morrow or wilt thou regard the day? Thou dost not vouchsafe an answer, and yet thou couldst tell me much if thou wouldst deign to gratify my curiosity, for I believe thou art most active during periods of bodily repose.

1267

The leader of every religious sect says, "Follow me and I will lead you to heaven," which makes the curious wonder if all roads lead thereto.

1268

Playing hide and seek with fortune may be amusing in young days, but in old age it is too childish to please and too fatiguing to continue.

1269

To acquire a better knowledge of the world to come, it were better to learn more of this. Perchance they are not unlike.

1270

If the physical body waxes strong in the sunlight, may not the spiritual body be invigorated by rays of celestial sunlight?

1271

So frail is the thread that runs through life that a thought will sometimes break it.

1272

State facts with positiveness, if at all, but never hint.

1273

One may search for sensuous gratification a lifetime and find only disappointment in the end.

1274

Thoughts that ruffle the mind injure the body.

1275

To avoid publicity one must mingle with the crowd.

1276

THE vibration of musical strings does not always soothe the disquieted spirit: oft it sets all the machinery of fancy in motion, which conjures gnomes and ghosts. It builds high in the air, where one may walk with strange beings. It creeps in the half-light and strolls through the woodland of imagination until the rest that one seeks is turned to mental labor.

1277

Tell me where resides hate and I will tell thee where resides cruelty.

1278

Look we four ways, see we crime and misery, both the effects of ignorance; therefore, not punishment but knowledge must be relied upon to rid the world of evil.

1279

The limit of a man's mind is not determined by what he knows.

1280

Be there they who deny the divinity of man, those are they who disparage Divinity.

1281

The present use we make of time determines its future value.

1282

To find a saint, send not a sinner; to find a sinner, send not a saint.

1283

Application is the doorway of knowledge.

1284

The best thing that can be done for the cure of ignorance is to remove it from idleness.

1285

If thou wouldst have pleasure in all things, keep thine heart running over with good-will.

1286

GIGANTIC as were the strides toward religious freedom in the closing of the Nineteenth Century, they are as short steps compared with the leaps that the generations of the Twentieth Century will delight in.

1287

When the hatchet is buried never visit the grave.

1288

When standing on the apex of fame, a mis-step may land you at the base.

1289

An antidote for moral poison is always to be found in virtue.

1290

The fear of ostracism on account of an honest conviction is a kind of slavery to which no courageous man will submit.

1291

When treading the mazes of experience, one must walk alone.

1292

Gold is as precious when found in abandoned fields as in fresh ones.

1293

Profanity proceedeth from the lips of the wicked, and profanity proceedeth from the lips of the good, and profanity proceedeth from all who put words into the mouth of Deity.

1294

It is imperfection that makes us strive.

1295

Sorrows are the gray shadows that fall aslant life.

1296

By degrees man rises in the scale of intellect; and as millions of years have passed and he is still a pigmy, what think ye must have been his condition at birth?

1297

NO, it shall not always be that he who labors least shall possess the most, but every man shall have that which he earns, whether it be mentally or physically. Not by confiscation will this come about, but by moral evolution, which will be a steady and imperceptible growth from selfishness to justice.

1298

In climbing the stairs of progress, civilization has rested many times on the broad landings, that the slow might overtake.

1299

The loveliness of Nature is enhanced many-fold when we raise the veil that she modestly draws about herself and look upon her uncovered face—then only do we see her as she is and adore.

1300

The angels love them who heed their ways.

1301

Extreme poverty and extreme wealth are the very antipodes of society; but when death removes the barriers, the distance between them will be short.

1302

It is a self-evident fact that Deity is no more intimate with the Christian than with the Jew, and the prattling of each does not alter it.

1303

Man has started on an endless journey toward light.

1304

When permitted to gather fruit, do not heap your basket if your neighbor lacks.

1305

Anything that comes without effort comes without thought, and anything that comes without thinking is not lasting.

1306

A LIVELY debate brings out the strongest and the weakest points of a subject; therefore, everything that concerns human welfare should be considered debatable and turned and twisted in every possible manner by every honest person, that a reasonable conclusion may be reached. They who hesitate to speak and would exclude from discussion social, political or religious questions have not sufficient confidence in these hobbies to permit the people to ride them a few times around the arena of logic.

1307

The mind must be developed to reach its hidden wealth.

1308

Whenever creeds begin to brew, a teapot tempest must ensue.

1309

They are building a house of cards who proclaim that which can not be demonstrated.

1310

The mainspring of society is Intelligence.

1311

Every telegram that is flashed across the face of Nature is a message from the Almighty God.

1312

He who loveth wine most loveth wit least.

1313

When the devil is behind, it is safer to run than to loiter.

1314

It is ever better to learn a lesson before trying to impart it.

1315

Love and hatred come in and go out of the same door, but neither come nor go without invitation.

1316

COMING to the West are the religions of the East, so old that they are dust-covered and tottering. The thrifty Occidental brushes them off and sets them up for admiration, and some even fall down and worship in their love of the antique; but an old religion or yet a new contains not all of truth. It is preposterous to so pretend; it is the constant adding to knowledge which begets wisdom, and wisdom is the religion for the today and for the tomorrow.

1317

Peace is thine when thou wilt have it.

1318

When falsehood unexpectedly meets truth, fear gives it swift wings.

1319

The most admired of all traits of character is unselfishness, and it is the most uncommon.

1320

What we love we endeavor to be near; thus do we index our character for the public convenience.

1321

Soul measure is as delicate as measuring the vibration of thoughts.

1322

A sensitive mind is like unto a sheet of white wax: a scratch leaves a deep impression.

1323

They who can not control themselves are they who would control others.

1324

An absolute remedy for dissipation is abstinence.

1325

The dewy morn of life hath no fear of the experiences of the somber eve.

1326

WHEN aweary I recline under the tree of knowledge and lean against the sturdy trunk, that some ripening fruit perchance may fall anear me. I sometimes shake a laden bough that hangs low and finding it good I store it in memory.

1327

As the grave is the last place that a man expects to go, he never hurries about his preparations—consequently he usually starts unprepared.

1328

Before jumping a fence it is well to know the ground on the other side.

1329

In any kind of gambling, one is not surer of winning than when betting on the weather in a strange country.

1330

The sons and daughters of patriots are the Nation's best defenders.

1331

There are proper and fitting garments for every soul; but in our haste or carelessness we seize the wrong ones and display the misfits triumphantly.

1332

Liberal thought permits charitable speech.

1333

To say that all men are made in the image of God implies that God is changeable and not altogether beautiful.

1334

When you set a trap to ensnare another you stand one chance in two of springing it on yourself.

1335

Those who are ever in quest of novelty overlook most genuine pleasures.

1336

OUT of the great deeps of thought troop the genii of poesy. Not at command come they forth, but as they will they dart in and out of the forests of the imagination. Do we love them? Yea, we adore. Do they return our love? Yea, for they give of their best to man.

1337

Righteous intent, however feeble, is not in vain.

1338

Every thought of love is a thought of God.

1339

Mental composure increaseth discernment.

1340

To be persuaded to do evil is to confide in destruction.

1341

When thou canst talk to the man in the moon by standing on a chair, then canst thou achieve greatness without effort.

1342

Sitting under the shadow of a Great Presence, I rest content, knowing that I am loved.

1343

Aspiration is a prayer to Inspiration.

1344

When thou inhalest the fragrance of a flower, thou art drawing its spirit to thine own.

1345

Beautiful, Beautiful, Beautiful, most holy change called Death!

1346

The precise hour and the moment of our going outward is wisely hidden; but the certainty of the journey before us is never doubted—therefore he who is wise is always ready.

1347

The doors of knowledge are always wide open, and every man, woman and child on the globe is cordially invited to enter the grand temple.

1348

Nations rise and fall, rulers are deposed, but the Law remains forever; and it is man's business to study the Law, that his ways conform to those of the Lawgiver.

1349

Memory is a beautiful and holy book, if the life be clean and its aims noble.

1350

Never-ending pleasure is awaiting them who love knowledge.

1351

Better be forgetful of favors than to remember wrongs.

1352

If you labor to please yourself or friends you rarely succeed, but if you labor to perfect yourself you succeed in pleasing both.

1353

Apathy reigns in modern society when absolute cleanliness of speech should be a requirement for membership.

1354

Some have a cruel habit of gathering the thistles by the way and carrying them to the afflicted.

1355

Good has more power than evil: witness the fact that good oftener than evil directs and controls the public mind.

1356

Give thyself time, for it is easier to walk than to run.

1357

When you are in a tight place, you will be more comfortable to contract than to expand.

1358

BE prepared at all times to receive Inspiration, as it is erratic in its visitations, coming at seasonable and unseasonable hours and leaving abruptly if not received warmly.

1359

When about to turn a corner slacken thy speed, lest meeting another thou art overturned.

1360

Ask not of folly the way to success nor of indolence the way to renown.

1361

Man would be as playful as a kitten were he entirely free from care—and were it so, his life would amount to no more than a cat's life.

1362

Poison is a thought of disease—think health and send it everywhere.

1363

Lo, the faith that each reposes in his own religion! Another's may be wrong, but not his.

1364

When one meets a bear at the forking of the road, there is no rule to tell one whether safety lies in retreat or in advancement.

1365

Of the two conditions—a good fool or a bright knave—the latter is not more deplorable, as there is chance for quicker improvement.

1366

The only receipt for loneliness is work, and the only work for loneliness is that which absorbs self.

1367

If thou knowest guilt thou hast a most terrible companion.

1368

I ASKED of my soul, this holy day, what manner of mortal is beautiful, and this was the answer returned: "If thou art comely and full of grace and hast not abundant love for all the sons and daughters of God, thou art not beautiful."

1369

Kick not the dog that stands in thy way. A slight turning will ofttimes save a serious encounter.

1370

If I were hunting for virtue, I would not travel the path of sin nor should I look toward iniquity to espy peace.

1371

A strange paradox—Life grows shorter as it grows longer.

1372

Sin can not exceed the circumference of mortal thought; but no thought can circle the consequences of sin, for they extend beyond the ken of mortal mind.

1373

Listen as you will for words of wisdom—they are not spoken by ignorance.

1374

Many a fall have Jack and Jill when trying to climb Pegasus hill.

1375

Nine out of ten are searching for heaven outside of themselves. Stop, friends! Your heaven is nearer your own door than another's.

1376

Lead me, O thou wise angels who guide my life into ways of justice and of merit.

1377

Illumine thy countenance with heavenly light by carrying the lamp of truth upon thy brow.

1378

I SAT before the mute keyboard—no sound came forth until I smote the belovèd chords, but ere the notes reached mine ear my mind was filled with the coming theme and in the silence of anticipation I heard it all, yea, more than the singing keys gave forth when fondly pressed by loving fingers.

1379

Let thy mouth be sweet with wisdom and thy words as healing balm.

1380

Close upon the heels of science crowds the religion of the Twentieth Century, and soon will they walk hand in hand as brother and sister of one Common Parent.

1381

Man stands in the world of spirit a dual being, and death will not mar his soul garb.

1382

Have no fear, neither of God nor man: Let love govern thy life, for fear degrades.

1383

The pulse of the universe is quickened or retarded by Divine thought.

1384

There is a curious twist in the human mind that makes it incline much to laughter when it should be grave, and that stills it when it should be merry.

1385

Piety shuns mirth to walk with soberness; whereas mirth would be a pleasant companion for both.

1386

Put not thy trust in verbal expression, but in the thought itself.

1387

The world speaks superficially—the few with wisdom.

1388

MUCH say the leaves when they rustle and uneasy turn upon their stems. Now it is the coming storm that they trembling fear; again in breathless silence do they warn of gathering danger; and in the Autumn of their death, with radiance clad do they yield their life that they may come forth in the Springtime to gladden mankind anew.

1389

In the world's great orchestra, they who beat the drums of ostentation may fancy they are carrying a leading part, whereas the harmony is not so much increased by their performance as the noise.

1390

O man! O woman! If thou lovest the outward form and have no affinity of soul, thou knowest naught of love nor of life.

1391

He that burneth with lust will be consumed by the fires of regret in the day of awakening.

1392

Fiercer and fiercer the combat between the old beliefs and the new knowledge, and surer and surer the result.

1393

In the still hour before I slumber, my soul and I do speak of much for which the world hath no ear; therefore I tell thee not all, Dear Book, lest thou betray me to an incredulous people.

1394

As the sap runneth upward until the leaves burst forth, so the upward tendency of man.

1395

If a man goeth out in the morning to till his field, and loiter until the meridian, wherefore has he gained over his neighbor who sleepeth until the noon?

1396

THAT which is, has always been, and that which had not a beginning can have no ending; therefore eternity is all, and the one life is in all—vague, mayhap, but a lesser truth will not be met with more cordiality by sleepy folk who find thinking a difficulty.

1397

To forget pain, refuse to talk of it.

1398

If I stand on a pile of chips it does not prove that I cut the wood.

1399

By human guide-posts it is a long way to perfection.

1400

It is a plain fact that ostentation avoids intimacy with the highest intelligence—it seeks mediocrity.

1401

The manifestations of Divinity appear to none alike, but according to the evolution of the soul do we agree in our conceptions and express unity.

1402

The closer men keep to the center of their mind, the nearer they keep to their heaven.

1403

Such a little while intervenes between birth and death that they are but the morning and the evening of an eventful day.

1404

Precious are the gifts that flow in on the tide of love.

1405

He who careth for strong drink careth less for strong men.

1406

Pass through the world cheerfully, then wilt thou not add to thine own nor another's burden.

1407

IN the beginning we have given into our keeping the different pieces of our lives which we are commanded to fit into a perfect whole; this task we must eventually accomplish in the eons and eons of time before us.

1408

Ever be a true friend to thyself, that thou mayest quickly find one in adversity.

1409

Men are continually casting thoughts into space to fall about like the flakes of whited snow or the sooty particles that begrime.

1410

Be it resolved: that whatever I am destined to bear I will respond " Amen."

1411

Dogs are not altogether agreeable in their treatment of the community at large, and they are not altogether different in this respect from the community itself.

1412

Alas! what manner of man is he who would rob another if circumstances would permit?

1413

He who shall outwit Nature shall be greater than God.

1414

In the twilight of life let us linger in the spice-groves of holiness, where the weeds of fanaticism can not take root in the sacred soil.

1415

Why should mortals fly in the face of folly when discretion bids them at all times to walk demurely in the path of prudence?

1416

Even as the fiber of each mind varies in quality, so is the thought coarse or refined that it yields.

1417

IT is a marvelous privilege to hold converse with the departed, and thrice blest are they to whom is given the pleasure of consoling the afflicted, and who use the gift wisely and without the taking of silver.

1418

When virtue sighs and starves and sin parades with brazen countenance, call not yourselves enlightened, O peoples, but benighted.

1419

Thou canst find a compliment for thy friend as easily as thou canst find a flaw, if thou wilt search on the flowering side of his life.

1420

What gaineth a man to fish all day in a dry creek or to pump in a dry well? When nothing can be accomplished, go elsewhere.

1421

An evidence that the world is growing wiser is its independent inquisitiveness. It dare question and it dare sit in judgment on its answers.

1422

A stone that has rolled down through the ages without gathering moss is a clean stone, and such is truth which never stops rolling long enough to become mossbacked.

1423

If the focalizing of good thoughts upon a person is beneficial, what must be the focalizing of bad thoughts?

1424

A characteristic of freedom is its love of country.

1425

Nature makes a mighty effort to expel disease, that the spirit may dwell in a wholesome house.

1426

No one likes to think that greatness was ever small.

1427

IF the spiritual body is contained within the material body or if it envelops it (and if immortality be true, it is not irrational to believe either), must it not be nourished with the spiritual part of the food of which the natural partakes—the intelligent subconscious brain selecting and separating with nicety the nourishment according to its requirements.

1428

The stream that flows from a pure mind is pure when it flows into words.

1429

Why select inferiority for thy part when superiority might be thine?

1430

We may hire our work profitably done, but not our thinking; this must we do for ourselves or suffer loss.

1431

In the era precluding the exercise of reason, the world's history was written in chapters of human gore.

1432

Doubt is the forerunner of progress.

1433

So long as my mind dwelleth in peace I can sing of God, but should it leap into contention my song dieth.

1434

When prying is shut out of the door, it tries to crawl in at the window; and only when the gate is locked, is there seclusion.

1435

To despise thy brother is to crowd him to earth, whereas thou shouldst uplift alway.

1436

Abide in the truth whenever thou findest it, whether or not thy neighbor approve.

1437

'T is God's decree that all men should find Him; and that none may miss, eternity is given.

1438

Dear earth, thou art overlaid with heaven's reflection.

1439

Each day is a chapter from the book of life; learn thy lesson well, O child of earth, for thy Maker may demand of thee that thou knowest this very hour.

1440

If thou canst find one thought-gem in the toil of the day, it is thine own.

1441

It is a misfortune to be born rich, and without those qualities of mind that make riches a blessing.

1442

Pricking a bubble before it is seen,
Plucking the trees when the fruit is green,
Answering a question before it is heard—
Will make any man or woman absurd.

1443

Never overdo small matters. A large oven will hold a small loaf, but a mammoth loaf can not be thrust into a small oven.

1444

Gold is not man's to keep, and if he struggle for it he can only play that it is his for a day and then toss it to another—and so runs the game adown the ages.

1445

There are as many spiders as webs, and a simple fly for every waiting spider.

1446

When the morrow comes, the foolish are no better prepared to reform than today, and they who wait never reform.

1447

ONCE I was awed by the approach of death, but now that I know him, I love him, for he hath in his keeping mine own, and he hath promised that I, too, may enter his realm to dwell with them. Therefore do I exclaim, "Dear angel, I await thy coming with perfect trust, and with full confidence that thou knowest best when to call me."

1448

Look on both sides of the fence for the missing.

1449

Curb not thy energy, but let it run like a young hart or roe over the hills of usefulness.

1450

If thou art proud hide thy tears and thy wounds from the rabble lest they mock thee.

1451

When fairly cornered by reason, surrender and she will assist thee into the open.

1452

The great redeemer of mankind is understanding.

1453

A slender blade of grass points upward like a spire.

1454

Behold a leaf spread o'er with tracings of Divinity.

1455

Demand a systematic accounting of thyself each day for the good and the evil done.

1456

The fountain of perpetual youth is not found within the domain of excesses.

1457

Everywhere present and nowhere welcome—such is the fate of the bore.

1458

THERE is a notion extant among the rich that the poor are not favored of God, and a prevalent notion among the poor that the rich are favored of Satan, which can be explained on no other hypothesis than that the one entertains the notion that God is the dispenser of money, and the other that the Devil is.

1459

A few drops of essence of good breeding will prevent giving and taking offense.

1460

It may be harmful to endure, but worse to harm.

1461

Like water without motion, a life without ups and downs would become too monotonous to be interesting.

1462

When Dame Flattery smooths her gown and adjusts her goggles, it is wise, O virtuous maid, to change your seat; and whenever her son is present, it is opportune to retreat before he opens speech.

1463

Peace cometh with the determination to lead a cleanly life, but destruction cometh with the storms of immorality.

1464

Comfort, mortals require; but luxury could be lopped off without injury.

1465

The days of the toiler are less exhausting than the days of the idler, for one has strength and the other weakness.

1466

The value of a life can not be estimated by man; it may appear worthless and yet be a precious stone in the great building of the universe.

1467

ALL the philosophies and religions of the past have led up to the present moment of inspiration, which is the most wonderful outpouring of the spirit of Divine wisdom that the world has ever known, and the words that are now being penned by moderns will live longer than the utterances of the ancients. This may sound boastful, yet it is only the natural growth of religious thought.

1468

Every flower that is born into life cometh with labor, and were our ear practised we might hear Nature sigh.

1469

Perfection is the goal of man, and diligence is the way.

1470

The garment of death is Immortality.

1471

Were a monument of gratitude erected to the memory of every monarch who has made the world wiser, they might not stand closer on the road than the sphinxes of old.

1472

As lasting as light are the attributes of the soul.

1473

The whirligig of time is a perpetual round of death.

1474

It is wiser to lose a friend than to yield a principle.

1475

He who doeth a wrong shall in no wise escape the heavy hand of retribution, be it soon or in the distant years of eternity.

1476

In the great ocean of life there are many beautiful islands on which we tarry on our journey.

1477

AS years are added disgrace grows heavier until the grave is courted by a sufferer as a welcome retreat from the world; but if immortality be true, which is probable, and individuality be retained, which is probable, why should the putting on of new garments change the course of the thoughts and make souls forget those things that belong to the realm of mind? It would seem wholesome to preach that death will not change the mind. It would make men more careful of their acts.

1478

In the sunlight make provision for the darkness.

1479

To what may we attribute our shortcomings if our religion and our morals are correct?

1480

When the watchdog of suspicion tugs at the chain, prudence says keep out of the enclosure.

1481

Sunlight for the practical, and moonlight for the sentimental, seems to be Nature's own suggestion.

1482

Memory is an adjunct of time and runs parallel with it through all ages.

1483

When men and women are concerned about their own salvation, they are usually concerned about their neighbors'. Hence, proselyting has come about in a most natural manner, but with most uncertain results.

1484

A most favorable moment for examining the soul is when it is preparing to leave the body for dreamland; and when it returns from thence, ask again of its intention during its daily routine, and whether its conduct will square with a tender conscience.

1485

BEYOND the green fields of earth methinks there is a world of surpassing beauty wherein are congregated the loved who await us with expectant joy, eager to lead us beside the flowing waters of health where we may slake our thirst abundantly.

1486

The artisan places one brick upon another until the structure is complete, and thus are laid the experiences of life until the temple is finished.

1487

Some are determined to trudge with cares, accounting ease selfish.

1488

Whenever thou findest a friend in thy sickness and poverty, thou mayest know that thou hast found a disciple of God.

1489

The friendship of one silent man is worth more than the companionship of ten thousand braying asses.

1490

When speaking of prosperity it should be defined, for whether it rest on the gratification of the present or the needs of the future makes it stable or unstable.

1491

As straight as an arrow flies time toward the tomb.

1492

Of thy bounty divide, lest death rebuke thee suddenly.

1493

If good luck is a visitation of Providence, ill luck must also be; for nothing that is, comes by chance, but is the effect of a cause, of which we may or may not be cognizant.

1494

Age divides not veneration with youth, but claims it all.

1495

A SCULLION adorns the kitchen and a groom may be brilliant in the stable, but in belles-lettres and the fine arts they might be dull; therefore, do not overleap the limit of thy capacity if thou dost wish to shine.

1496

Discipline makes us promise, but inclination makes us forget.

1497

Commerce makes men friends, but religion makes men foes; therefore nations are most civilized by merchants.

1498

Any one may read from the book of fate who has a mind to reason.

1499

The caprices of children are accounted unworthy respect; but were they analyzed they might not be contemptible.

1500

Never while the breath of life is with thee permit thy tongue to speak evil nor thy lips to whisper deceit.

1501

One is liable to meet the ghost of the past at any time, and if the deeds have been foul nothing is more terrifying.

1502

Whenever there is life there is God, and whenever there is God there is growth.

1503

Persistent and systematic effort to crush new truths as they appear reacts wofully upon the worker, whilst keeping them fresh before the people until they can be discerned by the many.

1504

WERE the beautiful and shining Venus to come within reach it would lose charm and brilliancy, and the lesson herein contained is plain: that to retain the attention and the admiration of the multitude, distance is absolutely necessary.

1505

Self-conceit will run the human engine a long time, but there is a limit to the number of pounds it is safe to carry.

1506

Legal minds do not look in a lean purse for a fat fee.

1507

In some far-off day in the future the people will say to one another, " How foolish and ignorant were the generations of the Twentieth Century! "

1508

When looking for friends do not look in dark corners nor unholy places.

1509

Falsehood may not be so rough as the way of truth, but it is a much longer distance to a safe stopping-place.

1510

To be prominent because of some eccentricity is somewhat embarrassing, but he who is without is unnoticed.

1511

Free institutions of learning are crowding our land, but where is the one devoted to patriotism?

1512

Occasionally there cometh a vision of the future so exact it were as though an artist portrayeth that which he had seen; whereas it is a glimpse of that which never was but is to be, an etching by the hand of the Great Designer who shapes our destinies and marks our days.

1513

CAN any one affirm that God is omniscient and omnipresent, full of mercy and love, when there is so much want, misery and crime, without losing belief in a personal ruler and accepting the theory of evolution as the Divine plan of man's growth and salvation?

1514

Variety is the pass-key that opens the doors of enjoyment.

1515

There is little moral difference between the selfish poor and the selfish rich; but the world of art is a little better served by the selfish rich.

1516

A chronic grumbler might realize the beauty of life were he about to be deprived of it.

1517

The little we know is hard to tell, and all we know is little to tell.

1518

A king and a queen are a man and a woman, and as such they leave this world and enter the other—then it behooves them to consider themselves as they are.

1519

When a lake is frozen over, the depth and clearness of the water can not be easily determined; thus, when the heart is frozen, are its depths a secret until thawed by the sunshine of love and sympathy.

1520

A man of moods is like changeable weather, which has to be endured regardless of pleasure or comfort.

1521

In proportion to our discernment are the benefits of society.

1522

Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness are not satisfied with esoteric ceremonies; they must be fed with the esoteric bread of life—then will the famished spirit revive.

1523

The point of a needle is small, but its thrust is painful; so is it with a sharp word.

1524

He who has the finger of scorn pointed at him quakes as with the fear of forkèd lightning.

1525

The beauty of life is not seen in a twinkling, but is unrolled as the ages advance in worlds without end.

1526

The necessity of restraint is not understood by the restrained.

1527

Liberty is not the safety of a people, but the lawful use of it.

1528

The superiority of intelligence over ignorance will never be disputed.

1529

If thou believest in a devil, in that degree puttest thou God from thyself.

1530

The loud braying of foolishness soundeth afar, but one must listen for the low, sweet voice of wisdom.

1531

Youth is not more fickle than age, though age assert it and youth deny it not.

1532

The aged climb the stairs of heaven with quicker step than the young, and a friend always stands at the top to extend a welcoming hand.

1533

The wind is the companion of the storm, and together they delight to wander and frighten man.

1534

They who learn to wait want to wait.

1535

When a prisoner is friendless he is halfway to sentence.

1536

Punctualness is ever superior to tardiness in all the affairs of daily life.

1537

The most desirable quality to find in a stranger is probity.

1538

The religion of the future will prevent the lifting of the sword in mortal combat and the itching of the palm for another's possessions.

1539

Silence is the door to the inner temple of the mind, and if thou approach thereto with noise thou canst not enter it.

1540

A pure thought leads the mind into a pure atmosphere, where the whole being is vivified and made positive against evil.

1541

A safe cure for indolence is the lash of necessity.

1542

Talent is elastic; it stretches with use.

1543

Sudden wealth makes sudden fools.

1544

Man's origin and his destiny are the secrets of God, and not to be revealed to such as we.

1545

SHOULD man try in the morning to look into the evening, or in the evening to look into the morning? Yea! Should he cling to and live on the past? Nay, Nay! It is decay; experience, which is the soul of yesterday, lives in the present, therefore let him abide with life and depart from death.

1546

The law of attraction is ever at work, both in physics and in ethics, demonstrating facts that help man to know himself and others.

1547

A revelation yet to be made to man: his relation to other things, and his true place in the infinity of surrounding worlds.

1548

There are many ways of burying crime, but none that will lay the ghost. It stalks where it will and when it will, keeping the gravedigger in a frenzy.

1549

The church has a curious device called a creed, to bind reason; whereas religion should be as boundless as the universe.

1550

Degradation is the swamp-land of society, making those who are compelled to live on its borders quake with the ague of apprehension.

1551

Enjoin no man from seizing all knowledge within his reach, for the day may come when there is a famine of time and his very life depend upon that which he has stored.

1552

It is a certainty that they who love light will seek it.

1553

The beginning of wisdom is the desire for it.

1554

THE most convincing evidence of man's religious growth is his determination to be his own priest and to make his own theology. Myths, legends, creeds and dogmas he examines carefully. Fear he is outgrowing, and he dare enter the holy of holies and pry into the ark of the covenant, not upon his knees but with his face lifted toward heaven.

1555

A man who does not think with the age in which he lives has as little part in the world as a bandaged mummy.

1556

We shall always weep when our loved ones pass through the portals into the inner chamber, though we know they there await us and that our names will soon be written on the scroll of entered apprentices.

1557

The trailing of garments of woe is an outward expression that adds to the heart's burden when it is least able to bear it.

1558

The slowest traveler could keep pace with religions on their way to liberty.

1559

Solitude is the dwelling-place of the soul, and there in the stillness can it review its past and shape for its future.

1560

The beauty and gentleness of Dame Nature in her pleasant moods make her children forget the cruelty and suffering she can inflict when moved by storm.

1561

As humble as are the prayers of the penitent, they should not be spoken in public, lest hypocrisy learn the words.

1562

MEN believe the world was created in six days. Men believe that it was made in periods of time; others as truly say it was not created at all, but that it grew from a seed atom cast into the universe by the divine hand of causation, and was warmed into life by the divine mother.

1563

There is no resting-place for guilt.

1564

Laughter is as spontaneous as vegetation, whenever there is soil enough for the lodgment of seed.

1565

The novelty of life is augmented by the fact that we know not why nor whence we came nor why nor whence we go.

1566

Pour the oil of peace, O most holy spirit, upon my life, and bathe my brow with the morning dew of wisdom. Let the East sun illumine my mind, that I may have discrimination, and the West sun be as a searchlight set on a hill to guide me on my rugged journey.

BOOK FIVE

1567

PERCEIVE a glorious presence beside me whose eyes are like the evening and the morning star; whose breath is perfect health, and whose words are sustenance; whose aim is God. Will my spirit list to thy instructions, O being of light? Yea, verily, and I will love thee and I will obey thee when thou askest me to follow in ways of purity and eternal beauty. O spirit of wisdom, art thou my guardian angel? Wast thou, as I, of earth? Thou sayest yea, and I believe, for such as thou utterest the truth alone. Beautiful being, if I am worthy thy care, preserve me and help me to make my life so pure and useful that I may be a co-worker with thee when my soul withdraws from this existence for the higher.

1568

Whatever savors of vulgarity belongs to evil.

1569

Measure for measure is Nature's revenge.

1570

All generations to come will be grappling with perplexing problems, for the infinite hath ordained that the finite should not compass the infinite mind.

1571

The wings of thought are not swifter than the wings of love, and their flight is side by side.

1572

Liberty is not another name for selfishness. Mark a distinction.

1573

A fair life perceiveth a fair world, but luckless is he whose days are spent in deception. To him all things and all men are false.

1574

VAST continents are still unexplored in art and science, that will some day teem with intellectual activity, for as yet man dreams not of what he will be, nor of how much awaits his magic touch; but in the coming of the new day, when old things shall have passed away, the mourners will be many among the antiquarians, but the young shall sing Hosannas.

1575

When too many creature comforts are the aim of life, the soul starves for lack of common necessaries.

1576

Facts fall into the mind and lodge in their own little corners, making themselves at home and adding much to safety and happiness.

1577

A debater who is not fair-minded declaims himself not a logician but a dust-thrower.

1578

He who speaks above his audience is not more applauded than he who speaks beneath it.

1579

Tell me, O teachers, why ancient beliefs are received with smiles, and fresh and beautiful discoveries are repulsed with frowns?

1580

A clever ruse may entrap the unwary, but ever at the expense of fair dealing.

1581

A jolly fellow is the rattle-box of society.

1582

Retaliation is the gathering of firebrands. One is sure to burn one's fingers and smoke one's garments.

1583

A nation dieth when dishonesty is the chief ruler.

1584

WHEN sorrow sweeps the heart-strings the chords are minor, but when joy strikes them there is heard within and without a strain of melody that carries the mind to joy's own abode, where the happy gods prepare pleasure for whom they love.

1585

Fortitude should be sown in the youthful spring of hope, that a plentiful crop be garnered for the winter of discouragement.

1586

Plotting to do mischief is making ready to drop into trouble.

1587

A man is not required to count the leaves of the forest nor to number the sands of the sea, therefore in his allotment of years let him be content to learn better, fewer things.

1588

To have ideas and no words is a misfortune, but to have words and not ideas is a greater one.

1589

If human drones were treated after the manner of bees, behold the consternation and indignation in every hive.

1590

The frequency with which progress is assaulted by opposition proclaims a watchful enemy.

1591

Wherefore the lines in the face and the tracings of the hands? Are they the workings of chance? Nay, they are chapters from the book of life.

1592

The purpose of education is not more for the individual than for others.

1593

The highest tribute to beauty is respect.

1594

The exercise of the intellect giveth man his happiest hours. To wander at will through the chambers of the mind affords him glimpses of paradise that the flesh is not permitted to behold.

1595

Lead me by the right hand into the wide fields of thought, where I may pluck at will the blossoms of eternal truth.

1596

To jump from error to truth with one bound is the greatest feat a mortal can accomplish.

1597

Though every one loves a lover, a lover loves but one.

1598

True bliss is mental equipoise.

1599

Righteousness regards liberally and giveth a blessing every day.

1600

There are countless paths that lead to God, for no man treads another's.

1601

Instead of being what we seem, we are what we are.

1602

By way of merit it is many leagues to reward.

1603

Equipoise of mind is best maintained by mingling society and solitude in about equal proportions.

1604

To sift slander to the bottom requires time and labor which, if devoted to keeping oneself above it, would be more profitable, pleasurable and convincing of innocence.

1605

PRESUMABLY only a small fraction of the universe was made for man, and as yet he adorns not his fraction with becomingness; but when he shall have learned the great departments of his life, he shall have dominion over much and be master of himself, uplifted and uplifting.

1606

To always love thy neighbor is not easy, but severe is the penalty of hating him.

1607

Your opinions are your own; be not too generous with them.

1608

The willingness of love to do for hate is indicative of its godliness.

1609

There are many words to express ingratitude, but the baldness of speech to express gratitude is embarrassing.

1610

The alphabet is a scenic railway winding along the foothills of knowledge upon which trains of thought are run from *A* to *Z*.

1611

That which is dreaded must not be invited by thought.

1612

The spirit of the loved goeth not into the darkness of the tomb, neither is it there that thou canst best commune with them, but in familiar places.

1613

Mild manners, like gentle showers upon the ground, lay the dust of discord and refresh the leaves of affection.

1614

He that resteth after each great mental effort prepareth for final victory.

1615

GROWING beside the narrow path that we daily tread are beautiful roses; even the most fragrant have thorns that pierce, and sometimes we find a worm in a heart of velvet, yet 't is not the rose that offends, but the destroyer of it. Here, then, is found a lesson.

1616

Beyond the earth dawns the eternal day of gladness.

1617

According to our understanding do we accept or reject the advice of Nature.

1618

If our hearts are filled with all manner of evil, wherein is there room for good except by casting out the evil?

1619

Slow turneth the wheels of knowledge, and slower yet moveth the chariot of wisdom on its straight and upward course.

1620

When in the company of health, the voyage of earth seemeth pleasant; but when disease is a fellow traveler, our kind mariner makes it possible for us to disembark.

1621

From the roots of sorrow spring flowers.

1622

Vain is the desire to become great if born of limited capacity, but one may become good, however parsimonious has been Nature.

1623

He who permits indolence to slay ambition is accessory to crime.

1624

When thou findest a man who loves integrity more than gold, love thou him, for he is worthy.

1625

O thou living and eternal mind, reveal to us more of thy magnificent plan of life, that we may more enjoy thee and thy works.

1626

Seek not to conceal thy shortcomings behind apologies.

1627

A coarse mind gathers more dust than a refined one.

1628

The proper way to bury scandal is to cast it into the depths of oblivion and evermore call not up the ghost.

1629

Nature loves her responsive children.

1630

Ignorance perceiveth not the glory that lieth around and about.

1631

Thoroughness depends not so much on temperament as on training.

1632

Enthusiasm is the handmaid of success.

1633

Mortal vision is so short that it extendeth not beyond the shadow of things.

1634

The perfect morn of a perfect day—when the purified soul transcends the limitations of earth.

1635

Up! up! up! Forever and forever and forever.

1636

Beauty hath no real part in evil.

1637

Let us rest in the belief and be glad that the ways of Providence are governed by law and not by the petitions of men.

1638

WHEN we are more familiar with the laws of Nature, her ways will not seem so cruel when she takes the form of a loved one and cradles it in her bosom. We shall say, "Sleep, sleep!" and no more will our tears disturb the soft harmony of the lullaby that she singeth to a weary child.

1639

Whether it be near or far to the goal of success it is never downhill.

1640

Let us love both joy and sorrow, for they are the two friends appointed to accompany us.

1641

Boldness crowds into our path when we walk uprightly, a pleasant companion in both cloudy and fair weather.

1642

Whoso liveth without sin is God.

1643

The power of wealth is great, but the power of mind is over all.

1644

The shadow of ignorance is long and dark, and of it the thoughtful are sore afraid.

1645

Begin the day as thou shouldst, and end it calmly.

1646

The morals of each generation are sown by a preceding one, and it follows therefore that the quality of the crop depends on the seed; then be it known that each individual is accountable to the future for the acts of the present.

1647

He who wages war on iniquity brings war upon himself; nevertheless, let him battle, though he fall.

1648

The way to happiness is through the door of duty.

1649

Show thou me a man who hath no pleasure in living, and I will show thee one who knoweth not how to live.

1650

Righteousness availeth more than armed guilt.

1651

He who forgetteth an enemy humbles him.

1652

If a man die, shall he live again? Verily, he must die to live.

1653

He who acquireth riches rapidly spendeth contemptuously.

1654

A birth is a sigh, a marriage a song, a death is a sigh and a song.

1655

They who mourn for their kin and will not be comforted know but one world. Were they familiar with two they would say, " Death is kind."

1656

He who truly loves Nature truly loves himself.

1657

If thou findest a man lost to reason, do not attempt to restore him with argument.

1658

It is a long step from condescension to kindness.

1659

He that thinketh evil prepareth the body for many afflictions.

1660

A book acts on the mind either as a poison or as a food.

1661

APPARENTLY men are drifting on an ocean of experience, to be swallowed up by death. To the outer vision this is a truth, but the inner sight perceives that death is but the beginning of experience, and however many times a soul is endangered it will eventually reach the port of Paradise.

1662

A sweet disposition, like a fragrant flower, lades the air with delight.

1663

Thou mayest grieve for thy misspent time, but through all eternity it will not be restored to thee.

1664

One prefers to look like a fool than to act like one.

1665

Let thine efforts be governed by good sense. Prayer will not bring the rain out of a clear sky, nor will it stay the torrent when it is loosed.

1666

The stars above and the trembling earth beneath in everlasting revolutions are writing the word of God on the pages of the universe.

1667

When thou shalt have done with fashion, O mortal, take up art and cover thy nudity with beauty instead of novelty.

1668

They who walk in lust are treading a deadly morass which will engulf them though the way seem safe.

1669

There are many apples on the tree of thought, but not two alike. If therefore the one that I pluck resembles thine, or that which thou hast plucked hath the flavor of mine, let us not accuse one another of purloining, but of similar taste.

1670

HOWSOEVER adroit the criminal, he will some day stand at the judgment of his own conscience, from whose sentence there will be no appeal. His trial may not be today nor tomorrow nor in a hundred years hence, but a thousand count as a flash in eternity and time will avenge every wrong done himself or another.

1671

Evil, familiarly called Satan, runs up and down the world in biped form seeking the company of bipeds, but will never foist companionship on any one unbidden—not being fond of the upright, but loving well a cheat, a liar and a doer of mischief.

1672

It is a long distance to perfection, but there is no short cut across the fields of selfishness which lie around and about inclination.

1673

Those are they who will rejoice in the hour of their demise who, knowing good from evil, have done the good.

1674

Consider ye the orphan as an opportunity that Providence hath given thee to obey the golden command.

1675

They who carry the burdens of others are they who help lift the world from savagery.

1676

Behind the door of death stands the reader of thy fate, and thou wilt perceive that thy destiny is just what thou writ from year to year, and that it is read *verbatim et literatim.* Thou must abide by it until thou canst preface and present another tablet.

1677

Deliverance from evil is the perception of truth.

1678

Nature in her pleasant moods makes us forget the cruelty and suffering she can inflict when she is in a rage.

1679

So far as we can ascertain, vibration is accountable for all that is.

1680

All the Bibles in the world contain not one word from the living God. All that in them is are the feeble words of man asking some sign. All that is known has been found by diligent search. When we say that God reigneth we assert our belief and there should end all controversy.

1681

Wish not for riches that thou mayest have more, but that thou mayest do more good.

1682

Demand that thy spirit keep its mortal tenement in good repair.

1683

Fallacies are the playthings of earth's children, and the world today is a great nursery.

1684

Whatever path leads toward justice leads toward heaven, whether it be Jew, Pagan or Christian who follows it.

1685

There flew into the open window of my mind this morn a beautiful thought, swift from the deep forest of imagery; but ere I could cage it, away it winged, and although I patient waited and entreated it in gentlest way, it would not return unto me.

1686

Beyond the mount of dissolution there lieth a vale of peace wherein the soul may rest and find strength for the morrow's journey toward the infinite.

1687

Say ye when the gates of wealth swing wide for thee, and the gates of poverty open for another, that thou art a favorite of God and another accursed? Nay; that is not true, for it is evident that gold and silver enter not into the law.

1688

Death is the resurrection from pain into the joy of perfect health.

1689

He that soweth vice will reap disease.

1690

Snails travel slowly, but if they go as fast as they can, there is no fault to be found with the pace.

1691

Toleration and compassion are two qualities of mind that should be cultivated diligently, for each is beautiful, and without them men are void of true religion.

1692

Never cease to think well of men, though their deeds may not bear mention.

1693

I wot that the memory of misdeeds will survive the memory of good deeds.

1694

Genius is seldom endowed with versatility.

1695

Let us not contemplate the trees in their despoilment, but think of them as ever fair and aglow with leaf and color. Thus let us view humanity.

1696

Did we have alternate days of Summer and Winter we might appreciate both; but as we must take the weather as it comes, it were more philosophical to cease complaint and declare that whatever is is good.

1697

THE sons and daughters of art and fiction labor with the sunbeams and the moonbeams and the rain-clouds, turning them into graceful and fanciful designs, and existence is made more beauteous by festooning these decorations along the pathway of the caretakers.

1698

The reasoning mind under all circumstances is a sober mind, and the intoxicated mind under no circumstances is a reasoning mind.

1699

Of what superfine quality of substance must be the spiritual body which encompasses the mortal body, not to be perceived by the natural eye.

1700

Fortune has knocked loud at many a door and has not been admitted by the master of the house.

1701

Be not too imitative, though thy model be perfect. Originality diminishes in proportion as it is sacrificed to copying.

1702

Conceit is a closer companion of ignorance than of learning.

1703

Subject thy religion and thy morals to the closest cross-examination day after day, and if thou receive not a clear and prompt answer thou wilt know there is a weak place that needs particular attention.

1704

How can sin be forgiven! It may be overlooked by man, but God does not suspend a law; hence the natural consequence must follow the violation of a law, and the sinner must bear the burden of his guilt until he adjusts himself to the laws of his being.

1705

YE men of prejudice, can ye give one plain reason why old beliefs should be superior to new? Or why an ancient chronicle should be more trustworthy than a modern one, or why a time-worn parchment of the First Century should contain more of divine guidance than a fresh manuscript of this century?

1706

Were the energy that is wasted on regrets used for directing new enterprises, it would bring forth more than repining and failure.

1707

The subtle force that is exerted over our lives by our own thoughts and the thoughts of others is a problem that we would do well to solve.

1708

Believe that the mind has power to correct the infirmities of the body and train it accordingly.

1709

A bungling operator transmits a bungling message; therefore one should make due allowance for mistakes in all that is sent over the lines of gossip.

1710

A simpleton is he who pronounces cat, dog, or dog, cat; and why is not he who calls allegory fact?

1711

Sorrow and pleasure are always within call.

1712

We know not nor could we comprehend the how and the why of our being in this, our childhood.

1713

Give your best thoughts to the world, and whether the world be pleased or displeased it will spare time to inform you.

1714

From celestial spheres thoughts float out through the ether, like pollen blown by the zephyrs, to fertilize the mind that is ready to receive.

1715

If a man would gather grapes he must walk in the vineyard.

1716

It is pleasurable to know the good and ever painful to know the bad.

1717

The closer we attend to our own affairs, the more is the public good conserved.

1718

Did the people know perfection they would abhor imperfection.

1719

Wherever severity may go it will encounter antagonism.

1720

Contumely is the reward of ill-doing.

1721

Open the door of thy soul and look therein for beauty.

1722

When Thrift forsakes the cottage, Poverty moves in.

1723

If we are obliged to rub elbows with others, we need not abrade the cuticle.

1724

Could every disciple of art and literature have proper environment, the result would amaze and benefit the world.

1725

Innocence never seeks to harm sin, but sin seeks innocence to destroy.

1726

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

OH, subtle and harmonious chords, thou makest my heart-strings to answer thy weird call. Thou tellest me of agony in minor notes and of felicity in major strain. Thou speakest to me of a fair and distant realm, of a sphere of sweet sound—again of a world of sorrow and of waiting. Thou givest me courage when I faint, and thou movest my steps without fatigue when I am joyful. In throbbing rhythm thou tellest me of the onward march of mankind through the Great Gates of Time, and leadest me to the very door of the eternal city, and there hear I harmony echoing through the sacred chambers. Dear chords, thou art divine, for thou dost bless and help. Whenever thy vibration reaches mine ear, my quickened soul responds to thy tenderest expression of love and to thy saddest appeal.

1727

Dull morals can only be sharpened by whetting the blade of understanding.

1728

When one has an appetite the fruit of knowledge does not cloy.

1729

Every one desiring silver and gold can not obtain it, but alas! that learning were not the possession of all.

1730

So odd is much of the luggage carried to the ferry of death that many owners will be ashamed to claim it, either on this side or on the other.

1731

Comparison and criticism are members of the same family.

1732

The lettered and the unlettered may predict, but none are infallible.

1733

Oh, vain thought that man can run away from his own mind or escape the prickings of conscience! Then seek not to forget, but to overcome, if thou wouldst know peace.

1734

Fickleness has no conception of fidelity; with it existence is a nothingness and every day a farce.

1735

The people should require that every vacuous mind be forthwith stored.

1736

Consciousness of evil is growth in goodness.

1737

No advantage is gained by trying to ward off skepticism with well-turned phrases. Go out into the open and defend thy doubts with the strong right hand of facts.

1738

If you buy a pig in a bag and find him lean, do not cry out against your luck, but against your stupidity.

1739

More will be required of a man and a woman in the Twentieth Century to canonize them than was required in dark centuries, for as knowledge increases, ignorance will not be honored—saints will be fewer but wiser.

1740

Good books are as drops of pure water tossed from the perpetual fountain of mind into the great basin of humanity.

1741

Only reasoning minds can give reasonable opinions.

1742

To be forever at rest one must cease to think, and when one ceases to think one becomes a fool. Eternal rest therefore must be the Fool's Paradise.

1743

THE past of man is of less importance than the future. Heretofore, prevailing religion has been a strong factor in forming his views of a coming state; but with religious evolution comes brighter pictures of the soul's abode. Hill and glade, bloom and brooklet, diversified pleasures and employment, homes and privacy, science, art and culture, and instead of endless burning an opportunity to grow: such is Twentieth-Century thought. And dost thou not prefer the new to the old, with its ceaseless torment and its maddening monotony?

1744

Begin the week as you should end it, and end it in such manner that you can begin another on a higher tone of the ascending scale of progress.

1745

Every blade of grass is a harp-string of Nature, and every leaf and bud are singing notes.

1746

Another thing I would add to the sense of hearing is perfect understanding.

1747

To be clever at one thing does not imply cleverness at two—this confidently believe.

1748

In proportion to the increase of intelligence will be the increase in morality.

1749

Nero was not more despotic than is appetite.

1750

Many stop at applause when on the road to fame.

1751

To think nobly one must live in an atmosphere of self-respect and self-restraint—yet one may so live and not think at all.

1752

Worthless would be the argument that life is worth living without hope.

1753

The faults of others are as a glaring headlight—our own as a dark lantern.

1754

A person not accustomed to stand on ceremony is apt to fall off.

1755

In vain do we look for perfection, for God hath so concealed it that it will never be found.

1756

Inclination to paint others black shows a trace of savagism that partial civilization has not eliminated.

1757

It requires more care to be honest than to be dishonest, and this may account for the preponderance of the latter sort.

1758

If fashion-mongers were drowned in the ocean of vanity, it would be accounted a calamity at first, but eventually it would be considered an interposition of a Kind Providence in behalf of the weary and care-laden.

1759

When the mortal sleepeth, the spirit worketh, but it telleth not its occupation.

1760

Knowledge is the front door of wisdom.

1761

To whom should we go for consolation when bereft of our beloved, except to them for whom we mourn?

1762

A soul without spirituality is life at the frozen poles of existence.

1763

OFT have I wondered why the approach of religion should lengthen the visage and make slow and serious the voice, and this have I concluded: The very truth will make the heart to sing and the lips to smile, and following this postulate takes one somewhere near the thought that the less of truth a creed contains, the more seriously its advocates and exponents feel called upon to sit in mournful judgment on others.

1764

It were better to put the metal of our composition in the countenance than in the heart, and when the world can read clearer it will learn that many do this.

1765

Silence is thy best helper when anger assaults.

1766

Liberate my soul, O dark night, and rock my form in the cradle of slumber until the god of day returns.

1767

When thou knowest much thy will hath dominion over the physical body, and when the physical is subjugated then the spirit walks toward the light.

1768

Bring me thoughts, O my spirit, from the eternal reservoir of mind, and give unto me understanding and power of expression that I may speak aright.

1769

Whether from Confucius, Buddha or Jesus, we can learn more direct and useful lessons from their words than are presented by the exponents of the creeds founded upon them, unless the speakers be animated by the spirit and dead to the letter.

1770

The soul will be fond of its future home if in the mind there lies content.

1771

UNTIL such time as the wicked cease to do abomination they must grope in darkness and in uncleanness, and when they cease from sinning they have their own waking conscience to upbraid and rob them of peace. Verily the way of the transgressor is hard, and no religious system, however well devised and intentioned, can free man from the consequences of breaking the laws of life.

1772

As eternity is never-ending, man's work will never be finished nor his education complete.

1773

Thy life is not thine, that thou shouldst barter it, nor hast thou authority to extinguish it.

1774

The trials of life exceed the pleasures, but it is the trials that prepare us to render acceptable service to one another.

1775

The inner vision frequently contradicts that which the outer vision declares.

1776

The wise will drop conceit at the gate of learning.

1777

We are not apt to recognize a Judas until after we have been betrayed.

1778

Custom arbitrarily moves the mind, and amongst the weaker vessels of humanity its influence is stronger than reason.

1779

How long, O foolish ones, will you permit your thoughts to vibrate with the inharmonies of life? Until you will to vibrate in harmony with Nature's divine laws, is the plain answer.

1780

DO I believe in Inspiration? Yea! Do I believe God ever conversed audibly with man? Nay! From all the inspired writings that have solaced my soul, I have never found a line worthy the Deity my mind hath pictured. Hast thou? Am I attacking Holy Writ? Nay; I am praising it, for when I say that man wrote it for man, I am reasonable; but if I say that men wrote it for God, I defame Him. Thou mayest condemn me for confession, but my soul telleth me that God will not.

1781

He who tells a lie must prepare to defend it.

1782

Good logic invigorates the mind, but bad logic weakens it.

1783

Take steady aim when firing at success, that your efforts fly not wild and accidentally kill it.

1784

Get your facts into line, and your conclusions will be less refractory.

1785

To reply to an insult is like barking at a dog should he bark at you.

1786

Man's life is so interwoven with the planet on which he moves that the change called death probably will not altogether liberate him from it nor drive him into space to find lodgment beyond the call of love.

1787

They who mourn for their kin and will not be comforted, know but one world.

1788

Grown children hide behind the door of policy when an unpopular cause approaches.

1789

ALMOST reasonable theory concerning the origin of man is evolution. From the primordial germ, through a direct and distinct contact with matter, has he slowly traveled to his present condition, which is but savagery to what he must become in the never-ending ages of eternity. At some point he began to grow in intellect and to unfold spiritually, but at no point will he likely cease to be or to grow.

1790

A false witness is the servant of lies.

1791

Loquacity begetteth indifference.

1792

Benignity of aspect must be accompanied by action if it would retain respect.

1793

Most desolate is Love forsaken, and its deepest cry is not heard beyond the portals of its own heart.

1794

Companionship is mental safety.

1795

There is no progress in ignorance nor happiness in stagnation.

1796

A vigorous mind finds leaping more exhilarating than creeping.

1797

He that speaketh with sympathy to the needy is heard in realms above.

1798

To walk in semi-darkness towards Deity is man's destiny.

1799

Those with whom we played in the Springtime of life we rejoice to meet in the Autumn.

1800

FAR away in the silent and undiscovered regions of science there are concealed marvelous things of which the mind of man in its present unfoldment can not have conception, neither could he utilize were he permitted to possess; but in millions of years hence he will have need of such knowledge that he may exist, and then will he be given freedom to explore and appropriate.

1801

In man's diligent search for the key that unlocks the secret door of mind, vast storehouses of knowledge have been discovered, but the key still remains hidden, and I wot that it will not be found by prying man until man shall become like unto God.

1802

Love is reciprocal, but its counterfeit is not.

1803

We are in heaven or hell according as we will.

1804

A lively tilt with opposition strengthens determination.

1805

Men shrink from slavery, yet pray unceasingly for money wherewith to bind their souls.

1806

Let me hear thy voice, O my spirit, and tell thou me of myself, and whether thou wilt leap with me when the mortal sun passes the horizon.

1807

Preparedness is the beginning of action.

1808

A man of letters is not always a revealer of wisdom.

1809

Indolence hath fangs and inflicts its own death.

1810

THE frequency with which mortals inquire for tidings from the beyond indicates that communication must hereafter be regularly established; for when once a desire takes hold of the people, they rest not until it has been accomplished; and as only a few of the possibilities of life have yet been achieved, no one should account this among the impossibilities, but as one of the delightful probabilities.

1811

Conceal thy sins, lest thou teach another.

1812

Good night, my soul! When thou returnest with the morrow's sunrise, tell me of thy hours when thou wert absent from my sleeping form.

1813

There are sorrows that can be understood only by God and thee; and though every one may perceive thy pain, thy secret and thy silence are respected.

1814

Be fearless in the extension of mercy and slow in withholding.

1815

Is reincarnation true? I wot not. It would imply dearth of raw material in God's laboratory; and what could be gained by passing through the matrix of earth life after the spirit is liberated by the process of death to unfold in a clearer atmosphere?

1816

Evolution of mind makes clear much that was incomprehensible to the childhood of the race.

1817

Very gently, my soul, lead thou me hence, that I may not be afraid, and that I may know the way should I wish to return to tell another of my journey.

1818

LET us imagine the world for a day were every individual in it bent on good and every thought of evil obliterated. Some day this dream may come to pass; there is no reason why it should not when truth prevails. And what is truth? The truth is a perfect understanding of the law in its application to humanity.

1819

Early in life fix thine abode, for better a crust under thine own roof than a feast from the hand of charity.

1820

Whithersoever a man goeth with vice, sorrow will follow.

1821

To conceal transgression leads to trangression.

1822

To be intimate with cruelty ends in degradation.

1823

If you can not see through the hedge, climb it before describing the adjoining fields, or say not at all.

1824

Give me thine heart, says love, and I will give thee mine. Give me thine heart, says selfishness, that I may have two.

1825

A long run from danger makes close friends of the runners.

1826

With variety comes pleasure, but overmuch pleasure brings satiety, and then appears the demon of unrest.

1827

If thy mind be crooked thy acts will be.

1828

Apprehension rough-rides the mentality of both the rich and the poor.

1829

Condensed thought stimulates, verbosity enervates.

1830

Name one the effect, and many will name the cause.

1831

What is the meaning of my longing heart? Whence these sighs and why these tears? The mortal life is filled, the spiritual lamp is burning, but alone I wait my destiny.

1832

Forget not, O living spirit, that the mortal hath curiosity concerning thy going out and thy return to thy house of clay in the evening and the morning of every day.

1833

Life is a riddle that hath many answers, but which one is the true no one knoweth, or whether or not it hath been given; therefore dispute not and multiply answers.

1834

He that delighteth to destroy another worketh his own destruction, for of the thought that he project that shall he also receive.

1835

The opportunity for character-building is free to everybody.

1836

To sin betrays mental and moral weakness, and weakness is imperfection or ignorance. Man does evil because he does not know enough to do right. Am I contradicted? I again repeat that if he knew the ultimate of evil, he would fear to do it, but being ignorant he ventures.

1837

As we are the product of law, so are we subject to law.

1838

Why fret and retard all good?

1839

Hilarity leadeth to excess, and excess leadeth to hilarity. Join not thou the dizzy world, lest thou fall and be trampled on.

1840

Open the book, kind Fate, and point with thy prophetic finger on the unread pages of the eternity that lies before me. I would not pry, but I would learn of thee that I may make my life more pleasing to the most high Counselor of Destiny.

1841

The placing of thine eyes upon a star lifts thy mind above littleness.

1842

The fashion of turning up one's nose at one's neighbor is very old and very ugly.

1843

Who are they who speak evil one of another except they who think evil things?

1844

Principle is always at war with dishonesty, though the victory is not always to itself.

1845

A lean mind should excite more pity than a lean body.

1846

Spite engenders brutality.

1847

A shrewd commentator regards the present, a wise one regards the future.

1848

The mortal burden-carrier can travel easier with a ton of good deeds than with a pound of bad deeds.

1849

Many a man cloaks himself with money and goes about with a naked soul.

1850

Caution will go a long way toward safety from sheer habit.

1851

'T is said that love is blind. Nay; love is kind and though perceiving defects would conceal them from all the world.

1852

Knowledge is not veneer, but though solid it may be without polish.

1853

A grain of folly will cost thee more than a full measure of prudence in any mart.

1854

If thou wouldst have children perfect, present to them perfection.

1855

Scorn begetteth hatred, and hatred doeth no man good.

1856

The exercise of justice enlargeth the mind.

BOOK SIX

1857

EACE and war! War and Peace! Thus swings the great pendulum of human destiny; and were it to cease swinging, would man cease to advance? Answer, ye who know. I venture to say that when he ceases to be warlike he will become more spiritual, and then would he glory more in the power of mind than in destructive machinery.

1858

It is not a whit wiser to imagine the improbable than the probable.

1859

He that runneth with an open mouth must swallow some dirt.

1860

Superstition delighteth in a full belief in itself and a contempt for its superiors.

1861

Greed with a swift step and a quick eye may overtake simplicity at any turning.

1862

When the wolf is growling at the door, he must be driven away with sermons without words.

1863

As storms are predicted, so are all the calamities in life if we could read them.

1864

The hostages of fortune are most erratic, advancing and receding with tantalizing uncertainty, which maketh a man to wonder much whether he control or whether he be not the plaything of chance.

1865

A little nonsense eases much monotony.

1866

Calm is the sea beneath its ruffled bosom, and so would we find the soul could we look deep enough.

1867

Though hallowed may be the past, most glorious is the present, which must soon be the past.

1868

Though a man breathe, he may not live; but if he live, naught can destroy him.

1869

Regard thine honor as thy life, and be not persuaded that honor lies upon thy sleeve to be challenged and wounded, but that it is a jewel hid between God and thee.

1870

The public will applaud hypocrisy rather than indifference.

1871

As a dash of seasoning rouses the palate, so a dash of variety rouses the spirit.

1872

When following a premise to a conclusion, be sure the premise is in line with fact—otherwise you will arrive at the wrong station.

1873

One might as well hold aloft a brier-brush to keep off the rain as to walk about with complaining to keep off adversity.

1874

Melancholy refuses a cheerful antidote and would die of its own poison.

1875

It is safer to walk behind a bull than in front of him; and it holds true in most worldly affairs that it is safer to drive than to be driven.

1876

Most fortunate is the possessor of principle, for of it he standeth in need every day.

1877

Servility is begotten of inferiority.

1878

Whoso borroweth trouble payeth in advance.

1879

More evils are conquered by teaching than by fighting.

1880

Though the flavor of a religion may be enhanced by faith, its quality may not be.

1881

Authority held with a scourge can not endure.

1882

If one enters the garden of prosperity at the dawning, he may depart therefrom before the meridian, unless most faithfully advised.

1883

If thou wipest the brow of inferiority today thou mayest wipe the feet tomorrow.

1884

If adversity leap upon the high horse of prosperity suddenly, walk the steed to avoid accident.

1885

At the foot of the tree of life is coiled the serpent of lust, and as yet no mortal hath crushed it.

1886

Gold hath no affinity for good nor for evil: it is the man who holdeth it.

1887

A hero in his own country may be a barbarian in another.

1888

Vulgarity shineth not beyond its own domain.

1889

Love records less of its doings than hate.

1890

The public has a prying ear, and there is little of secrecy where there is much evil.

1891

Hold to a certainty, saith caution; but reach for a higher notch, saith ambition.

1892

The latest fad may be the silliest; consider therefore before adopting.

1893

The lash injures the spirit of both the chastised and the chastiser.

1894

To dodge from pillar to post is graceful only when accomplished with profit.

1895

The good man hath as many enemies as the bad man, which is too many for them by the whole number.

1896

The strength of individual greatness is felt more by the masses than by the possessor.

1897

One nimble mind will outrun two nimble feet.

1898

It is a long way from what is to what should be; but it will yet be traversed by society, led by justice and morality.

1899

The bump of caution can be abnormally developed by the blows of experience.

1900

IF the Heavenly Father were angry with His earthly children, how easy a matter to have given them more understanding and save temper. Nay, the Heavenly Father knoweth not anger, and it were an error so to speak.

1901

Think, and let no mortal prevent thee.

1902

The applause of millions is not greater nor more pleasing than the applause of conscience.

1903

Every eye hath its own vision, and every ear heareth a different story.

1904

When all the people can cruise in luxury, then may it be said money has reached a dead calm.

1905

All religionists are given more to prayer than to practise.

1906

In all departments of life more is thought than is done, and by this law if good is restrained, so is evil.

1907

Dishonor rests on theft, and its shadow lieth low on avarice.

1908

Every motion hath a meaning, though few be regarded and fewer understood by maker or beholder.

1909

Perhaps man will know some day why man who lives on a rolling sphere in space points upward to heaven by night and by day, and never otherwise.

1910

Behavior unbecoming the gift of life unbecomes man.

1911

EXTRAVAGANT giving leadeth to want as truly as profligacy; therefore consider thy gifts, and be not persuaded that thou must change places with the beggar who asketh of thee thy all.

1912

Patience is a beautiful flower oft found in the noisome soil of incurability.

1913

The philosopher will attribute his failures to himself: the capricious will attribute them to anything else.

1914

There is only one law that makes men equal: it is called equality of spirit, and there is none other that permits them to fraternize harmoniously and without interruption.

1915

Smile upon misfortune and thou mayest persuade misfortune to smile sooner upon thee.

1916

The ancients knew not one whit more about man's future than the moderns, therefore give ear to the present as thou hast to the past to avoid narrowness.

1917

Man's imagination is never more fantastic than in the future and unknown realms.

1918

It is not necessary to pass through every experience to gain an understanding: observation gives the needful lesson if we but heed.

1919

Before committing thyself to action, look well to the end—a lion may be there.

1920

Time is Nature's avenger.

1921

REGARD not heaven as all and the earth as naught, for both are a part of the whole and one is as worthy consideration as the other; live not carnally, but spiritually, and thou wilt enjoy one and inherit the other.

1922

Thy thoughts may dwell upon heaven, but never upon hell, for that is to think degradingly.

1923

Before defaming another, examine thyself and thou mayest hesitate.

1924

The fount of song is ever overflowing, for both clean and unclean streams trickle into it. Of the clean, quaff freely; but of the unclean, one draught will pollute.

1925

Beauty may express itself through evil, but falsely.

1926

The advance of civilization is not freakish, but according to a steady law which no religious hierarchy may with propriety claim to have set in motion.

1927

The testimony of a king hath no more weight than the testimony of a peasant regarding a future life.

1928

If a man break not the ethical law, he may not fear to die.

1929

A poor servant indeed who must be lashed into obedience.

1930

As each man lives on earth, so must it be with him when translated. This is not popular theology, but it is consistent and it was not thoughtlessly writ.

1931

FOR what reason would we have others think as we? Is it from great faith in ourselves? Is it from benevolence, or is it from a desire to dominate? It would be well to analyze motives before proceeding too far into the rightful domain of another.

1932

A songbird may carol on a dead branch, but who would remember the branch and forget the song?

1933

They who rob the form of sleep may live to weep.

1934

In the garden of the soul there is a hidden spring of wisdom, the finding of which is the sacred duty of every individual, and to him who drinketh abundantly there is abiding health and no death.

1935

Sectarian proselyting to gain strength by numbers seemeth wrong to any one who reasons that sectarianism is not religion.

1936

The Omnipotent is no respecter of personal belief. The law reigneth regardless of small opinions.

1937

If a man can not believe all of the several great religions of earth, he may extract the essence of each and have more of truth than he who is filled with any one which hath only a fraction.

1938

The lowliest home may invite love to abide therein, but love will not remain with discord. Harmony is its life.

1939

A dishonest fortune is the weight that will at last drown its possessor in the dead sea of remorse.

1940

No man will ever become great who hides behind the door of opportunity when it is open for him to pass out.

1941

To gratify every wish is to invite discontent.

1942

Beware of him who proclaims his friendship boisterously: the true love-song is sweet and low, and the listeners few.

1943

There is no surer way of destroying thy life than to live aimlessly.

1944

Homilies suffer most when confronted with logic.

1945

Fashion could not stand were it not supported by the weak.

1946

To defy traditions and stand firmly on the rock of personal conviction is the first step toward individual freedom.

1947

A man appeareth rich or poor according to the spirit within him.

1948

The pleasure of getting to give is so much greater than the pleasure of getting to keep that they who have tried the first regard the last with honest pity.

1949

The cuticle of falsehood is so tough that it can not always be pierced with a single word of truth.

1950

That the billows of fame will roll high on many shores beyond this is a most encouraging thought to the diligent student who finds one life too short to complete his lesson.

1951

To be carried along the line of least resistance often ends in moral and mental weakness.

1952

Who would affirm that doubters are less honest than believers?

1953

If thou canst meet thy adversary with urbanity, thou hast dulled his blade.

1954

The perspicuity of reason is often overshadowed by faith.

1955

Meddlesome are the pudding-sticks of society—they stir the whole mass.

1956

Vanity concerneth itself much about itself and accordeth little praise to another.

1957

Persecution is as savage as ever; but like other ferocious beasts, it has been driven back by civilization and its attacks are less frequent than of yore.

1958

A cackling hen betrayeth a secret when she would hide it—so likewise a garrulous friend.

1959

If you would win, run when opportunity bids and stop when it bids.

1960

Avarice loves none truly but itself.

1961

The method of a man's labor indexes his mind.

1962

The fatalist may abide happily in his belief, but he is not rich with hope.

1963

WHEN the rainbow arches the heavens, not as a promise but as an effect, should mortals behold the beautiful phenomenon of light—and this is right because it is true, for whatever is false is wrong to entertain.

1964

The imitator should possess discrimination; because a porcupine wear his quills upright, an eagle may not.

1965

Labor that degrades morals should be dispensed with by public accord.

1966

Thought is sorely afraid of a brazen tongue.

1967

Let thy soul, like the lark, sing as it soars upward in the morning light of the new knowledge that shines over the fearsome night of superstition when foolish man said that God was wrathful.

1968

No man can hoodwink law. He may drink poison under belief that it is not, but his belief will not prevent physical consequences; and the violation of a spiritual law under false belief must also prove disastrous, as it must bring an inviolable result.

1969

As a plant rewards care with more perfect bloom, so does humanity.

1970

Consanguinity does not end with blood. The relationship of mind is a closer tie.

1971

One may wheedle one's own mind and not know it.

1972

The habit of indolence is strong to slay.

1973

A high thought occasionally emanates from a low mind, but a low mind does not emanate from high thoughts.

1974

Men are always trying to impose upon Nature; but that that Dame is not to be hoodwinked, is the lesson that he is longest to learn.

1975

When servants ride in chaises and masters walk, then will contention cease and sphinxes talk.

1976

If you prefer faith to knowledge it is as though you accepted a promise instead of a gift.

1977

Whether it be preferable to think evil or not to think at all, only God knows.

1978

A copious draught of logic offered by a fair hand would prevent many a weakling from falling from decency.

1979

Though thy name be unjustly injured, thy soul can never be.

1980

Take comfort in the thought that thou art a part of God and have been assigned a place in the universe which thou art to find.

1981

Link thy life with purity, and thou wilt assuredly reach bliss.

1982

It is no easier to leap from a church-spire than from a flagstaff: be not persuaded to rash experiment.

1983

Possibilities are everywhere: it is in the selection that one showeth wisdom above another.

1984

That God, Nature and man are a trinity appears indisputable and indissoluble.

1985

Inasmuch as ye lack honor ye are contemptible.

1986

Keep thine own mind clean, lest another rebuke thee.

1987

It taxes the mental agility of the idealist to the utmost, when forced by circumstances, to jump from an elevated train of thought to the hard plane of realities and not shatter his ideals.

1988

One moment of self-administered reproof each day might restore many worthless lives to usefulness.

1989

It is the inheritance of principle that makes a man rich even unto the day of his departure—and who will say that he may not carry his possessions hence?

1990

Science must eventually overcome any cult that antagonizes it.

1991

A boaster and a pretender—what can be said of them that would grace a page?

1992

For what reasons are traditions flaunted except to bind? If a man desire religious and political freedom, he must refuse tradition and be moved by principles only.

1993

Most blank and drear world were it without music, pictures and books.

1994

Hatred growls, but love answers with a kiss.

1995

If thou art tender toward all, regret will never prod thee.

1996

Be not over-confident before investigation. A hen frequently cackles from fright.

1997

Blest are they who can lose the worries of yesterday and walk with the new day.

1998

With a swift tongue and a violent hand a man is not the best equipped for success.

1999

Gird thy loins for a fierce battle whenever thou beholdest tyranny affecting piety.

2000

When the supply of sympathy is not equal to the demand, it is customary to offer a counterfeit—a most unholy proceeding.

2001

Ignorance is a constant danger, therefore the safety of a people depends on individual intelligence.

2002

It is a difficult thing to restore confidence with apology, or to heal a wound with regrets.

2003

It is easier to retain thy possessions than to regain them.

2004

If thou ask of a beggar a penny, be not disappointed if he refuse thee. Look for assistance in likely places.

2005

Select thy companions with much care, least it be incumbent to assort them afterward.

2006

Though with much solitude may come reflection, discontent may also intrude.

2007

Sin is long-enduring: as neither blood nor water will wash away the stain of guilt, it must wear out with time and much effort.

2008

In a degree, contentment is everywhere present, and there is no more welcome guest on earth than this true companion of man.

2009

As lost time can not be regained, see to it that thou press forward resolutely.

2010

Though poverty chase a man all his life, it need not overtake him.

2011

The voice of folly may be sweeter than the voice of prudence, but be not deceived by melodious sounds that proceed from an unknown source.

2012

If thou will to be rich, thou may not be; but if thou will to be good, thou may be, for righteousness depends on thyself alone.

2013

Lo, a peace comes with quietude that vanishes with noise.

2014

Thrust not a hand into thy neighbor's pocket without permission, and invariably withdraw it before being bidden.

2015

Of a life if it accomplish nothing but the satisfying of physical wants it must be written, "However thus successful, true success has not been attained."

2016

A man is no taller when he stands upon a pedestal, though he may gain in appearance and estimation.

2017

When thou findest a good idea, use it honestly.

2018

The effrontery of ignorance is made bearable by its source.

2019

When preachers' acts and words do not agree, intended game runs nimbly up a tree.

2020

Be not in haste to swallow gossip; as it cools, much of its poison evaporates.

2021

Ask of no man a favor if thou wouldst be king of thyself.

2022

Whether a truth be offered thee by Pagan, Jew, Christian or Rationalist, accept it thankfully. One is as near God as another.

2023

It matters not what the guise of evil, spurn it that good may come.

2024

A boat with an occupant occasions little comment—not so, however, an empty boat. It is not always what is seen, but what is not seen, that mirrors in the imagination and sets it adrift.

2025

One way to enfeeble the mind is never to exercise it in new domains of thought, but to bind it fast to that which another generation taught.

2026

When the car of progress comes along, step aboard. It is more refreshing to ride than to run behind.

2027

What is it to thee if another fail? If thou wilt add one drop of ink to a glass of water, the clearness of the fluid is changed and thy answer appears.

2028

Find thou a cure for selfishness and dose the many.

2029

If thou desirest defeat, tell of thy weakness.

2030

There is nothing to prevent running uphill but commonsense, and this saves from more folly than aught else.

2031

Keep a close mouth in strange company, or thou mayest disclose to an enemy a vulnerable point.

2032

Concentration of thought comes with effort; therefore, the only way to concentrate is to concentrate.

2033

The grandeur of life is not apparent to the masses, whose appetites are those of the body.

2034

The facts of religion are so few and the beliefs so many, it were not a wonder that there are so many doubters, but so few believers.

2035

Sacrifice nothing of thyself to gain an insight into another world; but if thou wish to accomplish occult feats, add to thy individuality until thy cubit is above thy surroundings.

2036

So various are the duties of man to man that they can not be contained in any rule, but this can each man remember: to measure another's virtues with the same rod that he useth to measure his faults.

2037

The largest game is not found in the tallest trees—sometimes a shot is missed by looking too high.

2038

It defileth self-respect to lean, therefore perfect health is right; and if any part of it hath escaped, not in potions but in Nature's laboratory will that which is lost be found.

2039

The full meaning of cleanliness has never yet been thoroughly defined; when it is and the lesson learned and universally applied, there will be no more trouble from divers sources.

2040

When the flame flickers in the lamp of hope, see that the flame goes not out, leaving thee in the darkness of despair.

BOOK SEVEN

2041

BELIEF in a future life makes happier this for them who believe God is just and will eventually draw all men unto Himself, instead of giving the larger part of His family to an enemy; but they who entertain the notion that the majority of His children are doomed to eternal suffering can have no true happiness here nor expectation of any hereafter, and to such sufferers are we bound in pity to pray that they may see the impurity of their belief and come to a holier one.

2042

Want builds more fortunes than plenty.

2043

When expecting riches, train thyself as becometh one to whom much is given, that much may be expended judiciously and without selfish motive.

2044

When facts are lost, time uses conjecture.

2045

Whining is the infant's privilege; but who would accord it to adults unless infancy had come again?

2046

Happiness comes not from a visible but from an invisible source.

2047

The populace should run from scandal as from contagion, but, alas! it runs toward it as though its breath were health.

2048

The wise man talks at the right time; the foolish man talks at the wrong time: in this lies the advantage of the first over the other.

2049

It were not well to speak of old age in the presence of failure, lest the unfortunate, being in years, count the remaining days and try no more.

2050

No one admires a liar except it be himself.

2051

Lies the conscience within the temple of the body or without it? Methinks without it, and that it taps the brain when it desires to speak.

2052

Penitence can not obliterate wrongdoing.

2053

Take not from one to give to another. Honesty before generosity.

2054

Lust is discord, and better that its notes were never struck.

2055

Remorse is man's relentless enemy, pursuing him even after death if he hath done aught against himself or his brother that is injurious. This believe.

2056

Pour not thy troubles into a saphead nor make a confidant of thy servitor, lest the hour come when thy secrets are spilled by careless handling.

2057

Where goeth truth, there goeth safety.

2058

A most implacable foe of civilization is stationary religion.

2059

A gap in memory is frequently filled with imagination.

2060

How short the ferry from fifty to the shore!

2061

Nothing more disturbs the mind than doubt, and many are content to have their questions answered by the political and religious machines made for that purpose.

2062

The little that is known came not without the asking, and the much that will be known will come only with persistent knocking for entrance at the door of mysteries.

2063

If thou wouldst ask favor of time obey Nature.

2064

A first glimpse of poverty may be ludicrous, but a second is always serious and dark of shadow.

2065

If a bird fly high, it is a bird's privilege; and thou canst not give a reason why he should fly low, unless thou hast design to snare.

2066

Ambition when it runs toward the bad is more difficult to check than when it runs toward good; in the latter case it may be turned by a shake of the head, whilst in the former it runs till it falls.

2067

If thou desirest adulation earn it, and it will not make thee so ridiculous to receive it.

2068

If thou art determined to leap across the moat to reach the castle, measure thy ability as well as the moat; success depends as much upon the man as upon the span.

2069

Flowers bloom beside virtue's path, but however much they may be tended they will not bloom beside vice.

2070

As no man knoweth the source of life, no man knoweth God, however much he may prate.

2071

Between smiles and tears there is scarce a line; erase it and they blend.

2072

Attempt not great things unprepared: a needle will not harpoon a whale.

2073

To labor for love seemeth play: to labor for principle with the added weight of hatred and persecution maketh the stoutest spirit to bend with the agony.

2074

Disturb not thy neighbor with religious harangue, and permit him not to disturb thy peace; for if ye both look not further than books for authority, none resteth with thee that thou shouldst attack each other.

2075

Dress argument plentifully with oil, but sparingly with vinegar, that it be of more agreeable flavor.

2076

Thou canst ape good manners if thou wouldst possess them, but thou canst not possess thyself in the same way of much else that is good to have.

2077

Every thought upward cast enriches thee.

2078

God's habitation is as much here as there; as much there as here. There is no place that hath more of His presence than another.

2079

Whoso grumbleth listeneth to a doleful sound.

2080

He that winketh at evil hath an eye to enjoy it.

2081

A life uninterrupted by duty would be as monotonous as the river which flows involuntarily into the sea.

2082

Believing that God is just, be Godlike.

2083

When once drawn into the eddy of indiscretion, it is oftener a youth sink than he be saved.

2084

Twice times one fault are two faults, which are two too many.

2085

When God is not, life is not.

2086

It is vain to oppose truth, however much it may conflict with one's previous convictions.

2087

Better a day without meat than a day without reflection.

2088

Follow a hero many days and his glory diminishes.

2089

Act with as much decorum now as you expect to when you reach heaven.

2090

The right kind of literature would abolish wars.

2091

Miracle has been an important factor in past religions, but it is safe to say that in its day and generation it was not believed; and not until musty with antiquity is it respected and accepted by faith alone.

2092

The safest artifice that woman ever used against man is devotion.

2093

Hurl anathemas at vice, but never at individuals: one is harmless; the other is vicious.

2094

A rich inheritance—a spirit of fairness—then thou wilt give and take just enough, and justice will neither be offended with thy profligacy nor with thy parsimony.

2095

Let not thine infirmities deter thee from drawing at the wellspring of knowledge: a broken vessel may hold some water.

2096

Plan no deceit, lest it become easy.

2097

Confine not thy mind to one or two worlds, but beyond the earth give it freedom to consider them as the sands of the desert, and thyself as a traveler who may tarry awhile in countless numbers.

2098

Spontaneous wit is more combustible than that which is green with age.

2099

Have a care lest frivolity cheat thee of time which is not thine own to lose, but of which thou hast been entrusted to grow a soul worthy of inspection.

2100

Rest takes flight in the midst of the multitude and returns again with pleasure in solitude.

2101

Death is the blossoming of a soul.

2102

Because of grumbling a grumbler gets scarce his share of joy.

2103

Good is the outcome of experience.

2104

THIS is the dawn of the Twentieth Century. I prophesy not of things material, but of things spiritual. I predict that the hand of man will reach upward until it is clasped by the unseen, and that revelations will be received of the hereafter that will put away forever the meagerness of the past.

2105

If thou wouldst avoid annoyance act with ordinary sense in directing the course of thy servant. Thou canst lead a mule by his head, but thou canst not by his heels.

2106

Man's inability to select his ancestors ought to make all men decent.

2107

What hurts an honest man more than loss is the thought that he can no longer trust his brother-man but must regard him as a cheat.

2108

When science shall prove immortality, the world will rest in peace.

2109

Prayer availeth in this way: though it may not calm the storm, it calms the mind.

2110

Happier is he who sings for his dinner than he who cries for it, and quite as sure is he of getting it.

2111

Vanity, alas! is ofttimes pleased to work in the garb of charity.

2112

No one need expect to enter paradise on the shoulders of another.

2113

Whatsoever the world chooses to think of thee think well of thyself, and it will eventually agree.

2114

SOME one has said that true marriages are made in heaven; another that there is neither marriage nor giving in marriage there. Science has not yet invaded the domain of matrimony; but when it does, right marriages will be made on earth; then men and women will not be permitted to please themselves regardless of posterity, and the troubles of mankind will be half over.

2115

Life is a poem, and 't is well that all its lines are not a monotone, but are both grave and gay, that all tire not of the song.

2116

Starve not thy soul when it hungers for knowledge, e'en though the gaining of knowledge rob thee of all beliefs thy ancestors have bequeathed thee.

2117

When the air is redolent of sweets, Nature is breathing a benediction upon man.

2118

If age rocks and dreams, youth will soon be doing likewise, and let youth considerately remember this.

2119

Thou canst not think well of thyself if thy life be unclean.

2120

A true history of famine will never be written; those qualified by experience to tell it are not.

2121

If the parson turn out a poor grist, perchance the fault lieth with him that he draweth not more custom.

2122

One may lust basely, but no one may love basely, for it hath been determined that love shall not be unholy.

2123

Politeness and refinement may or may not be associated: refinement is always kind, but politeness may be cruel.

2124

The croaking of men is not more tuneful than the croaking of frogs, however much the croakers may dissent from public opinion.

2125

Though an army spring at thy command, lead them not for spoils.

2126

Alas! fear is the possessor of a thousand minds that rightfully belong to joy.

2127

Social equality to be lasting must have other than a metallic base. It must be as a soul speaking to a soul.

2128

They who most need moral guidance seldom ask for it.

2129

Temptation and folly—how close the intimacy!

2130

The boldness with which virtue mingles with vice makes virtue's destruction more certain, for where there is no suspicion there is little fear.

2131

Write thy thoughts upon a page and thy acts upon the opposite, to determine whether they be consistent or whether either is a credit to thee.

2132

If thou dost a good work for praise, thou wilt miss all benefit.

2133

Enchanting are the realms of Nature beyond the earth, else it were vain to love her beauties here.

2134

Away with the thought that no mortal liveth chastely.

2135

Why indeed should the fiddle provoke the parson's wrath? Each has a place and use, and one may be as guiltless as the other.

2136

A whip for nothing, but kindness for everything.

2137

At eventide ere thou slumber let peace enfold thee as gently as the dew falleth upon the face of the dry land.

2138

When a good thought approaches, leap for it and make it thine own.

2139

Only the flimsiest education is gained in schooldays. It is the after-study of the great problems of life that makes mortals much or little.

2140

Be not amazed that children are depraved until parents are weaned from lust.

2141

The king requireth food and drink wherewith to sustain him, as much as the peasant, because being of the same substance one would perish like the other if deprived.

2142

Surely a man must become humble when he looks into his soul, for he seeth there much that expresses vanity.

2143

Man may see himself in the forest. There are great trees that point direct to the sun, there are fluttering trees that seem to be agitated by every wind that blows, and there are strong trees that stand much buffeting ere they bend to passing currents.

2144

A man may read a thousand books and act a fool.

2145

Those who ever rake dead leaves have not time to plow new soil.

2146

Why cease to learn and fall behind the age of thought that is pressing on the brain of man? Progress is written by the eternal hand once and forever.

2147

The workers and not the loiterers are making the world blossom.

2148

Life is in the throbbing present, therefore be a part of what is rather than remain a part of what was.

2149

Reading is entertainment, thinking is labor, and there are more who love entertainment than love labor, and more who think too little than think too much.

2150

Simplicity is the attendant of greatness and can not be long separated.

2151

It is the thinker who is wise, the originator and not the copyist who is swift to discover more.

2152

The mightiest forces when skilfully controlled and directed produce gentle effects: so the strongest mind perfectly controlled is the calm mind.

2153

If life were one long pleasure-day, there would be no lesson-day.

2154

Turn thy back on fashion whenever the dame would lead thee beyond convenience and fitness. She is thy servant and should not be permitted to dictate.

2155

As prejudice is always ready to beg, borrow or steal, it should never be admitted to thy mind.

2156

A man may speak of much and know little.

2157

If a man desires to toe the mark, do not push him out of line by thy carelessness or ugliness.

2158

The light of wisdom burns brighter than the lamp of religion.

2159

Liberty clings to progression and presses onward. Despotism clings to retrogression and runs backward.

2160

Monopoly, like its prototype, tries to get four feet in the trough.

2161

Fill thy neighbor's ear with undeserved praise and he will glorify thee. Fill it with deserved censure and he will curse thee; but hypocrisy is no less mean because thy neighbor encourages thee to dispense it.

2162

At some future day a bright light will shine over every pitfall wherein a mortal might stumble from morality to immorality.

2163

Homely oftener than extravagant ways tend to virtuous ways.

2164

Of all the feeble utterances of man a description of God is the feeblest.

2165

An honest man diligent in all his ways may fail if he taketh not leisure to observe the ways of the dishonest man.

2166

Into the mouth there goeth much that defiles the mind.

2167

Though time fly with the directness of an arrow and never stop, it will never reach the Infinite.

2168

The promise of heaven without the promise of occupation is too uninteresting to be alluring.

2169

Alas! that there should be one soul that does not bud and blossom on earth.

2170

Alas! the withered branches and the gnarled trunks in the garden of life!

2171

What work hast thou done today on the eternal statue thou art chiseling of thyself? Unless thou art diligent there is danger of leaving a rough block when thou dost depart.

2172

When vanity reigns supreme over the heart, time hath a sure revenge.

2173

Trust not in chance. If you find a coin today you may not tomorrow.

2174

Naught standeth between thee and thy Maker; and if a man step between, it is an impertinence meriting rebuke.

2175

The wind of adversity occasionally blows one into a port of safety.

2176

Though the prize of death may be worth the winning, a slower pace is advisable.

2177

Where love is not, heaven is unknown.

2178

WHY shouldst thou declare thy conception of God to me and refuse an ear shouldst I declare mine to thee? Hast thou not charity in even so small a degree that thou mayest not listen to that of which one can not know more than another?

2179

Religion should be the measure of God, but alas! it is only the measure of man.

2180

Having a disposition to be acrimonious, cultivate urbanity.

2181

Debt increaseth the woes of mankind more than aught else that is self-inflicted.

2182

Go higher than thine own head for instruction, even to the angels who bend low to teach.

2183

Beauty is less offended with flattery than ugliness, not because beauty hath more discernment, nor ugliness less, but because beauty anticipates and is prepared.

2184

Theology in its emphasis of doctrine passes many a truth without recognition.

2185

Civility that costs an effort is worth more to the giver than the receiver.

2186

Listen to the pleadings of patience when thou art with little children, that thou supplant not respect with disrespect.

2187

If thou couldst be led by justice always, thou wouldst travel direct toward divinity.

2188

To increase thy possessions a hundredfold without wrongdoing need not harm thee; but to increase a farthing at the expense of honor must degrade and shame the indwelling spirit.

2189

Whichever way thou lookest for perfection thou findest imperfection, and this need not make thee captious, for it is as it must ever be until man overtakes eternity.

2190

In reasoning minds there is a plane that accords with justice; but not twice in thrice is it allowed to prevail over prejudice.

2191

The sanctity of thy word should never be doubted by thyself.

2192

The pleasure of living is enhanced when thou learnest that thy mission is to make the world better.

2193

Fighting is derogatory to any cause, and it were not impossible to settle all disputes by arbitration were not fighting popular.

2194

Physical punishment can never exempt an offender from the moral punishment which the offense hath earned.

2195

The penalty of independent thinking is the loss of timid friends.

2196

Blest are they who live right in this hour instead of in resolution.

2197

Were half that is written, spoken, the world would be as wise, for there is half too much in print wherewith to cumber the mind.

2198

LET there be no misunderstanding between thee and another, for where there is misunderstanding there is distrust; and distrust breeds hatred, and hatred breeds evil, in a small or large degree as thy mind is moved by passion.

2199

The secret of success can be ascertained only when it is ascertained what success truly means.

2200

How dare I define God if thou hast eyes to look about thee!

2201

Thou must see God through thine own eyes, and not through mine, for this is the law and it is also thy privilege, howbeit another might endeavor to cast a shadow aslant thy vision.

2202

Labor degrades when the laborer hath neither voice nor mind in his vocation.

2203

Calmly think of death and prepare for it, as for any other long journey.

2204

Reason tells us that if we control the mind we control the body.

2205

Inspiration has its limits—the human brain.

2206

To the outward eye justice and mercy appear not to be meted from God to man but from man to man.

2207

It can not be written too often that lack of cleanliness is lack of godliness. Piety will never supplant sanitation, nor can prayer be relied upon to banish a plague.

2208

If thou wilt examine the brightest spot in the human character thou wilt find it illumined by unselfishness.

2209

No man hath a right to make the world worse, and if he assume it he must also assume the penalty.

2210

The flame burns clear when trimmed by hope.

2211

A light heart maketh a cheerful voice, but a heart of lead keepeth to a monotone.

2212

Public sentiment is as variable as climate.

2213

When one is most useful may not be when one is best known nor when one is least known, but when one best knows others.

2214

Faultfinding is decried, but were it not for the faultfinders there would be little reform.

2215

When man works in unison with law, God works in unison with man.

2216

The voice is an index of the feelings when Nature has not been supplanted by art.

2217

Nothing ever has been or ever will be written of God by the human hand that is infallible.

2218

The righteous lean toward tolerance, the unrighteous toward intolerance.

2219

Age begins when hope declines.

2220

Bestow not all thy criticism on others: spare a little for thyself as thou hast need.

2221

Thy loftiest thoughts can compass only the length and breadth of thine own mind, and beyond that thou canst not proceed.

2222

The gate of wisdom opens from the outside, hence it is that if a man would enter he must let himself in.

2223

The final ditch is the grave, and into it every rider falls.

2224

The mainspring of life is ambition.

2225

Busy hands and nimble feet make the morn and eve quick meet.

2226

Many a brilliant mind has been content to illumine its own life.

2227

The restraints of society tend to embarrass candor until deceitfulness triumphs.

2228

Reserve a few moments daily for interrogation of thy motives and demand an honest accounting.

2229

When the sun goes down, the city plans not for sleep, but for amusement; but should the time come when man may play as well as work by day and sleep by night, Nature will be kinder than when she is defied.

2230

Save a penny today, that thou mayest spend a penny tomorrow.

2231

The engine that speeds toward success is not novelty, but monotony.

2232

Labor to discover, rather than to recover.

2233

The speech of wisdom soundeth like foolishness to the unwise.

2234

Thy goodness is thy good friend.

2235

Hearest thou a man boastful, thou hearest one whom thou must hunt when needed.

2236

" Forever and forever " is the writing over the door of the individual temple.

2237

The children of one age are very like the children of another age, but adults present marked changes when comparing one age with another.

2238

When curiosity is called idle, it is really most busy.

2239

The low, sweet harmonies that Nature sings to a listener can not be excelled by the tones of art.

2240

When thou prayest fervently thy spirit leaps from its fetters of flesh and oft brings to thee thy heart's desire.

2241

Alas! that fear should dominate a religious mind or turn it from quietude to disquietude.

2242

An assassin stands behind every evil act, to strike the high low and the low lower.

2243

WHERE points the hand on the face of earth no man can see. It may be but a moment past the hour of birth, or it may be halfway to the next striking. So little knoweth man concerning this world that he must rest his mind on conjecture.

2244

To come into close touch with the human family means to suffer.

2245

The flight of years, however long, reaches its destination sooner than we expect.

2246

Trim your sails to catch the breeze; 't is better thus than God to tease.

2247

An untruth may have a semblance of truth if agreeably presented, and too few there be who can discern the difference between what is true and what is false when the question is argued with skill.

2248

When reason works in the garden of the mind it uproots superstition.

2249

A fair mind perceiveth that only by knowledge is man lifted toward civilization.

2250

A poet is the amanuensis of a whimsical muse.

2251

A couch of down will not ease the mind, for mental rest cometh from invisible things.

2252

A man may not blot himself out of existence by thought, word or deed; but by these three may he be miserable or blissful.

2253

Long service in good works makes the worker worthy of gratitude; even if his motives have not been entirely free from self-interest, there should be cheerful thanks for the good done.

2254

A cause may be meritorious, but to win applause it must also be popular.

2255

Revelation has been slow because man has been cruel; but as he becomes more civilized he will not slay his neighbor, as in times past, for advancing new theories concerning man's destiny contrary to old beliefs.

2256

It is good to pray hopefully, but not to tease.

2257

The lesson may be learned from the criminal without the criminal's experience.

2258

Everything is holy that is good, and that which is bad can not be made holy, but must be abandoned.

2259

To gain unpleasant notoriety is easier than to lose it.

2260

That which meets with the approval of the just is apt to be repudiated by the selfish.

2261

Whether a dog have a keen eye and a keen nose, or a dull eye and a dull nose, matters not if he have not energy to run after game.

2262

If a man tell thee of God he can only tell thee of the God within himself. It is not given to man to explain beyond his own capacity of thought.

2263

GIVE a flower to some one every day: a sweet rose of kindness, a white lily of truth, a spray of laughter, a bluebell of hope or a soft-hearted pansy of sympathy. All these and many more in season will make fragrant the day for giver and receiver.

2264

Sweet is the rest that cometh to a settled mind, and for the sake of rest man is too prone to believe without proof.

2265

A religious flight should be upward and onward toward light and understanding, and not downward and backward through the darkness and misunderstanding of an earlier age.

2266

Men fight over words and thus separate themselves from one another in religious hatred.

2267

As difficult as it is to understand our relation to the present, our relation to the past is not plainer.

2268

The hope of all men is freedom for themselves, but alas! not always for others.

2269

Romance is not confined to youth, nor is it less interesting to the aged, be they so inclined.

2270

Hold thy soul in peace and let no mortal persuade thee that the past holds more of truth than the future —the disk of revelation has just begun to turn.

2271

When Nature smiles return her greeting, and when she frowns laugh at her and change her mood toward thee.

2272

The language of a cat is incomprehensible to a dog, and the barking of a dog puzzles a cat; but do they not understand each other as well as the human cats and dogs that inhabit the kingdoms of earth?

2273

If thou art on a wide bridge, thou mayest run with safety; but if walking a plank, look to thy steps.

2274

Follow a coxcomb closely and he appears a clown.

2275

When catching small fry be watchful or the first big fish that nibbles may run away with the hook.

2276

In a spirit of kindness and fairness tell of thy views of another life; but copy not after the many and proselyte, because if thou hast a growing mind thou wilt know more tomorrow than thou knowest today.

2277

Who shall declare whether God be masculine or feminine? Methinks both the father and the mother of the universe should be encompassed in that holy word.

2278

Walk not between husband and wife. The place for thee is behind the twain or, better still, before them, that thou mayest not observe their ways.

2279

No mortal can behold the beauty of life whose eye can not penetrate beyond self.

2280

Let the burden of thy song be health and sing it until thou findest it.

2281

The tomorrow of life is the forecast of today.

2282

It is more enlivening to lead a regiment than to follow one, and there is also more responsibility.

2283

Neither poverty nor riches nor yet a modest income will protect thee from calumny. No one is safe from human attacks.

2284

Be discreet both with thine own and with another's affairs, lest thou be outwitted by a fool and be made to bite the dust.

2285

In the prompt payment of obligations, who can distinguish between pride and honesty?

2286

Findest thou a man too careful of himself and he will be too careless of others.

2287

The saddest tragedies of life are not the homicides, but the suicides: the anguish of the self-slain is unthinkable.

2288

Men doubt not the love of God so much as the love of man.

2289

One is not ashamed of one's age, but of spiteful remarks concerning one's age—there is no defense and hence feminine secrecy.

2290

The hiding-place of jealousy is a secret until it discloses itself, as no one would suspect another of harboring the hateful creature.

2291

Regardless of worldly opinion, a man respects himself most when his life is noblest, and least when it is basest.

2292

WHERE are the ancients of learning? Are they in a burning pit or a singing paradise, or are they busy with the intellectual pursuits in one of the many worlds before us? It is a narrow and cruel mind that would deprive the departed of congenial occupation.

2293

Men dread less the wrath of God than the wrath of men.

2294

The pitcher may be broken at the first drawing or at the last or not at all. Care alone saves it.

2295

When looking for dishonesty search first thine own house, and if thou findest it not, thou mayest search thy neighbor's.

2296

Part husks will be thy share if art and poetry are excluded from thy daily fare.

2297

Beware of him who urgeth thee to act contrary to thine own reason. A wise counselor will point the way and let thee choose.

2298

As mental depression is conducive to misery, do not invite it by disobedience of health laws.

2299

Sleep is the savior of man and beast.

2300

Oh, that the brow of religions might be touched by the hand of knowledge and be enlightened!

2301

Imperfection must be imperfection through all time, because imperfection can not attain perfection until God is transcended.

2302

If prejudice is crowded out of the way, a swift run may be made toward justice.

2303

To say of a man that he is thoroughly educated implies that he knows all there is to know, whereas every man is an ignoramus compared with what he does not know.

2304

Be as sly about thy almsgiving as thou wouldst be about thine own poverty.

2305

Construction is not better than destruction if that which thou buildest is not truth.

2306

Wait till the ass is bridled before mounting and thou art surer of a beast for thy journey.

2307

Farewell, yesterday! Today is here.

2308

They who hate most love least.

2309

How canst thou seek a cozy corner and rest therein if thy neighbor has been crowded out of it?

2310

I learned my lesson today, not from books but from an aspiration. In the silence I communed with One on high who said, "Despair not, but press onward toward the high mark of truth forever and forever!"

BOOK EIGHT

2311

HE secret of happiness lies as deep as life. Yea, before thou art, the chord is struck: if it be minor, it taketh long before the modulations bring it to a major; and if it be major, it resolves itself gradually into minor key. Who knoweth whether the ending of the earthly prelude will be a wail of sorrow or a joyful sound?

2312

When truth supersedes creed, all men will be drawn to it.

2313

Be patient with age, that time may not retaliate.

2314

Love is profligate of time and gambles with hearts.

2315

A preacher of prudence is not infallibly prudent.

2316

Tears blister the memory of many pages of life which would have been free from blemish had youth been endowed with experience.

2317

Innocence increases the responsibility of the beholder inasmuch as it becomes his to protect.

2318

Though sorrow may wear the look of joy, joy never wears the look of sorrow.

2319

Much complaining increases the complaint.

2320

Thou art the keeper of thine own life, and to no one surrender this care.

2321

THE universe is not so small as the ancients thought, and with the broadening of the mind has broadened religion until no one of reverent mind dare locate God or explain His intent toward the different races of man that inhabit this sphere.

2322

Vigorous thoughts come with vigorous desires.

2323

A closed mouth and an open ear are the best servitors of ignorance.

2324

If thou runnest against a wall suddenly, be not surprised if thou hast been running toward it swiftly.

2325

An occasional hurricane is preferable to an endless calm, when the mind moves not at all.

2326

Love is a keeper of secrets.

2327

Though humble thy calling, exalted may be thy call.

2328

Comments on indolence are unnecessary: indolence speaks for itself in no uncertain language.

2329

By all means obtain a knowledge of your subject before you teach—this is not always done—observe them who tell of God of whom no man knoweth.

2330

Man should stand before man as a king by divine authority.

2331

Exalted thought doeth good, though unexpressed by word of mouth.

2332

There is as much probability of catching a wild ass with a lame foot as there is of overtaking public opinion with a lame excuse.

2333

A lame dog leading a blind man—Sect leading Sect.

2334

Lamentation is not the philosopher's song.

2335

Whenever a truth is born, an error dies.

2336

Wit floats on the surface of speech like froth on a sillibub, without which it lacks lightness.

2337

A thousand generations are but one heart-throb of eternity.

2338

Not as thou wouldst that things were, but as they are, must thou find thy way through the world, with or without mishap as thou art fortunate.

2339

Whatsoever makes thee truly wise makes thee better.

2340

A deserted house hath not more echoes than a deserted mind.

2341

When I pass over, fill my hands, O angels of kindness, with fresh flowers, that I may inhale their fragrance and feel that I am in a world where our mother Nature still reigns.

2342

Thou mayest not turn to a pillar of salt when thou lookest backward, but thy mind will crystallize sooner when turned to the past.

2343

SHALL a man live always if he violate not a law of health? Yea and Nay have been the answers to the question; but a change of environment seemeth desirable, for when man is wise enough to know all laws of this world he would tire of his limitations and desire to know the laws of another and still another, and methinks this is his destiny and will be his choice.

2344

Air, sunlight and a square to till are man's birthright, but alas! the Esaus and Jacobs are everywhere.

2345

See to it that thy forbearance becomes not cowardice.

2346

Better make a confidant of thy horse than of thy groom—the beast only is dumb.

2347

If thy friends agree not with thy mood, probably thou art not in the right one.

2348

He who believes in a devil believes in a feeble God.

2349

It is more beneficial to think well than to talk well, albeit the superficial may hold a contrary opinion.

2350

He who hath not mercy lacketh many other virtues.

2351

Look we there, we see distress; look we here, see we suffering. Shall all say whatever is, is right? or shall all exclaim whatever is, needs righting?

2352

Be a subject old and threadbare, new clothed it becomes interesting.

2353

THE grass-blade grows, it knows not how. The child grows, it knows not how. The same invisible force propels both upward, but why should a man who knows not how he grows dogmatize about the propelling cause and declare he is uttering truth?

2354

Form the habit of cheerful thinking when young, that age cheat thee not of pleasant days.

2355

When antiquated theology demands modern opinion, perfect candor compels one to be disrespectful.

2356

The business of life should be right living.

2357

New thought is a harbinger of progress.

2358

Love laughs at everything but itself, which it treats seriously.

2359

Ancient thought belonged to ancient peoples, but modern thought belongs to modern peoples and must be honestly regarded.

2360

Labor constantly to improve thyself, that the world be speedily redeemed.

2361

The burden-bearer might lighten his burden if he would regard the past less and the future not at all.

2362

Moderate success at the outset may lead to more lasting success, because the seeds of economy are given time to take deeper root.

2363

Clear is the vision that can see heaven through hell.

2364

THE most skilled mathematician fails to number the worlds of the heavens; yet the most superficial of theologians are quick to enumerate the two abodes of souls after death. Methinks the abodes of souls are as many and varied as the stars above, and that the Mind over all is not so poor as the two-world conception would indicate.

2365

Some will speak and will not act; others will act but will not speak; but he who neither acts nor speaks in times of emergencies is the one to watch.

2366

The beliefs of the future must be supported by knowledge: faith must be supplanted by fact.

2367

Be modest when discoursing on thine own achievements, lest thou be called a boaster and an exaggerator, which in public estimation is scarcely one whit removed from a simpleton.

2368

That which thou canst take with thee from this world is thine own: all else thou hast borrowed and must return.

2369

Whether rich or poor, the bodily demands of daily life put men and women on an equality; but by the mind may one soar above another.

2370

The right to think is thy birthright: sell it not to potentate or prelate for his pottage.

2371

More talk the brotherhood of man than feel it. It pains the snob to say "Our Brother" when he says "Our Father," but the children of one father must be brothers.

2372

FAR beyond the mortal lens are spread the cities of the departed, beautiful of architecture and restful of design—the best of earth spiritualized. This picture now hangs on the wall of the imagination, and the old one of a burning hell and brazen heaven has been removed by the enlightened.

2373

He who truly loves the Father can have no belief in Christian or Pagan devil.

2374

Invitation insures a welcome. A beggar thrust into a banquet finds no place at the board.

2375

The most cutting wind that blows—the blasts of scorn.

2376

If thy possessions consist only of that which money can buy, thou art indeed so poor thou needest sympathy; but if thy possessions are above price, thou art rich, though thy body be clothed with leaves and thine abode but a shelter from inclemency.

2377

One thinketh it is leagues further to duty than to pleasure; another that pleasure and duty are close together; another that pleasure can not be reached without crossing the field of duty. The truth is plain: Pleasure and duty are one and the same when rightly considered.

2378

Mercy trembles at the approach of justice.

2379

The floor of the ocean is littered with the strange work of Dame Nature.

2380

As fleeting as dreams are opportunities, and they change with a breath.

2381

A prince without and a pauper within—a man with fine raiment and a naked mind.

2382

Bear with the agèd; if their mental house is out of repair, they suffer discomfort.

2383

If one is determined to cut off one's nose to spite one's face, there is daily opportunity.

2384

If thou art free to control me, thy freedom is my bondage.

2385

Greater or less capacity matters little if thou hast not a purpose and pursue it.

2386

Who can portray the hideousness of a theology that consigns to everlasting torment the souls of enlightened men and women!

2387

Thou canst not bore a deep well with a gimlet, neither canst thou bore for deep truths unless mentally equipped.

2388

The vices of the many are modified by the virtues of the few.

2389

In this paradox appears a truth—the height of folly is the depth of shame.

2390

Opulence and squalor meet on an equality before the gate of death; both enter the holy city without purse or scrip.

2391

Throw away criticism when viewing poverty and weakness; they have privileges not accorded to riches and strength.

2392

The whale of intemperance has swallowed many a Jonah and spewed him on to the dry land of want.

2393

That which is progressive is not vicious.

2394

Sweeten life with more charitable thought; there be many who act effusively, but who think meanly.

2395

Ninety-nine churchmen and one skeptic make the world move faster than one hundred churchmen.

2396

That accurate results depend on accurate methods is only half-believed because only half-tried.

2397

Open thy heart for self-examination when thy neighbor is not looking, lest he observe thy secrets and proclaim them.

2398

Swift in the race is desire.

2399

Finally let it be said: He died and the world owed him more than he owed the world.

2400

Climb the knowledge-tree as high as you can and then pull up your neighbor: it is easier than to stand beneath him and boost.

2401

Nimble is the foot that can distance usury.

2402

Folly is not conservative, but goeth about with a loud noise or with stealth, as suits its whim.

2403

Only wisdom will obliterate fear.

2404

Let parents be parents and children be children, that respect keep its rightful place even unto the end.

2405

If the window of thy soul be small, increase not the darkness within by drawing a sectarian curtain across it.

2406

No man hath sole possession of hope. It goeth into every habitation, and hath no more affinity for prince than for pauper, and dwelleth not longer with the one than with the other.

2407

Comfort is last where ostentation is first.

2408

Note what a man says of his neighbor and thou canst opine what he will say of thee.

2409

Let the future hold what it may, I will say to myself: Abide in peace, for thou art traveling toward light.

2410

To seek repose before thy task is done is the sluggard's method. To seek it after is to have earned it.

2411

When there are robbers on both sides of the political highway, a man hath scarce a better chance of keeping his goods by taking to middle ground. Safety would seem to lie in another direction.

2412

Pipe a lay of gladness when thou hast overcome the least fault. The tune will so delight thou wilt wish to overcome another.

2413

Be merciful, even for thine own sake, for it keeps thee out of hell.

2414

Probe as deep as you may, the heart of the universe can not be reached, nor its pulse counted.

2415

There is law and order from Alpha to Omega. Miracle is but bygone fancy.

2416

Sanitation can not be accomplished with prayer, nor epidemics be checked with beads.

2417

Strive rather to sharpen thy conscience with close questioning than dull it with sophistry.

2418

Principle is a stern master whom thou must serve faithfully if thou wouldst win the applause of conscience.

2419

If thou callest a man a dog when he hath not barked, thou must look well to thy heels.

2420

The bane of life is want, and yet want is the root of plenty.

2421

Speak to the stars with poetic metaphor, but speak to the earth with plain words; then thou mayest mingle with the lofty and the lowly and be understood.

2422

However old a religion, something in it harmonizes with the new.

2423

As winebibbing more or less clouds the intellect, it should be avoided by the strong, that the weak may not fall.

2424

If thou hast not ability, thou mayest have kindness. If thou hast neither, woe is thine.

2425

Nature is not more penurious of gold than of common-sense. More of each is needed to make the human family content.

2426

Hopeless must be he who hopes not in immortality.

2427

Nature is generous or parsimonious much as man may will.

2428

Caution profits more than lamentation.

2429

As the needle is true to the North, so is the soul to its aspirations.

2430

The poison ejected from one evil mind destroyeth many.

2431

The " missing link " if not seen in form is seen in type, here, there and everywhere.

2432

The atom seemeth more law-abiding than the man.

2433

Feed the starving man without question. If thou hast curiosity to know his religion, wait his fill or he will hate thee.

2434

To cripple reason and lean on tradition is like crippling one foot and leaning on a crutch.

2435

Man is speeding along on the everlasting journey over the hills and vales of eternity today.

2436

A little tree may bear large apples, and only a fool would decline them for that reason.

2437

Reading, thinking and toiling—these three make wise; but the doing of one without the other two falleth short of wisdom.

2438

A fiery temper is self-consuming.

2439

Now is the moment of rejoicing, and if we rejoice now we shall rejoice alway, for the present is always ours.

2440

It is not a test of courage to walk past a caged lion.

2441

Thou mayest intend to do great good, but thy neighbor who doeth a little receiveth the blessing. Action outweighs intention.

2442

The bitterness of life is sweetened by death.

2443

Socrates drank his hemlock with a smile born of his immortal intellect.

2444

The tenderest sympathy may not be expressed by word nor by deed, but the aching of one heart for another is a sign that the soul goeth out in response to a need.

2445

Beautiful was the life of Jesus, and beautiful should be thy life, not because of His, but because it is a privilege bestowed and a duty imposed on the sons and daughters of earth from time immemorial.

2446

The storehouse of memory contains so much trash that one is ashamed to expose it to a strange eye.

2447

A premature opinion may be likened unto green fruit.

2448

If thou fallest let not the dust of defeat settle on thee. Get up, shake it off, and onward run till some prize is thine.

2449

Education without honesty and sobriety is like a fine chariot with vicious steeds: the rider is hurled to the ground before the race is finished.

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If thou runnest with a fool and he trip thee, there is none to pity.

2451

Wisdom is a king; love, a subject.

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Little know the young of the thoughts of the old.

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Hunger can not reason.

2454

A dull mind deprives its possessor of the richest part of life.

2455

Small results may come from great effort, but smaller will come from no effort.

2456

If thou desirest to see a divine man thou hast but to look at the first man thou meetest, for the immortal spirit maketh all divine that walk in man's image.

2457

Confine not thy mind too much to trivial matters, lest it become enfeebled and unable to grasp matters of weight.

2458

The season of wishing is youth, and the season of wishing is age; therefore, wishing is always in season, and good wishes are never without good results to the wisher.

2459

If thou makest a place for thyself in the world, thou wilt fit it; but if another make it for thee, thou mayest not.

2460

How much of sorrow and injustice would be saved in this world if each obeyed the golden rule of Confucius!

2461

Saints walk the earth in all garbs and are recognized by those whom they serve.

2462

Under untried conditions an untried leader is not less to be trusted than a tried one.

2463

Words may fall from the tongue when ideas will not.

2464

Love is strong to endure, but wisdom is strong to direct.

2465

Thou mayest fire at the moon without hitting it, but the higher thy aim the safer are men.

2466

When eye and ear serve, the young are truthfully inclined. 'T is age that loveth to deceive.

2467

Wisdom and austerity may be strangers.

2468

When society is whirling like a dervish, it can not think those things that make for good; and when it pauses for breath, it is too dizzy.

2469

If thou hast the intention and the ability, and hast not the will to act aright, thou art as though void and as nothing in the world at large.

2470

TO Confucius are we indebted for the Golden Rule, and to the Nazarene are we later indebted for presenting anew this precept to His followers, but they who practise it are indeed few compared with the number who have heard it.

2471

If linked to poverty, thou mayest stand erect; but if joined to vice also, thou mayest cower in the presence of thine own wronged self.

2472

Desire is the prelude of success.

2473

Before the setting of another sun, do thou something of which thou canst be proud.

2474

Wisdom is grave or gay and ever companionable.

2475

Water will cleanse from external dirt, but immersion will not cleanse a filthy soul.

2476

Few saints are canonized where education is compulsory.

2477

In the giving and receiving of friendship thou must use more discretion than in the exchange of all other gifts.

2478

Sailing is easier than rowing, but strong muscles demand strong work, and that which is easiest may not make thee strong.

2479

If thou wantest a faithful friend thou must in truth be one.

2480

Love and wisdom may dwell far apart.

2481

They who persecute in religion's name lack all charity, and they who have not charity have little of good.

2482

Voting is a holy privilege, and not, as many assume, a commercial opportunity.

2483

A jingle of words and an easy manner—thus equipped the pretender becomes a sage.

2484

Whatsoever befalls thee, curse not.

2485

Be thou honest, thou art free; be thou dishonest, thou art in perpetual servitude to the tyrant fear.

2486

National honor let every man seek, knowing that the unit maketh the whole; hence on each individual rests responsibility.

2487

Politeness may hinder the human cats and dogs of society from barking and scratching, but it does not stay the inclination.

2488

Speak hopefully, not discouragingly: one heavy word may turn the balance and send a life downward.

2489

Let thy life be as a white light set on a high place.

2490

If thou canst not add to thy neighbor's comfort, thou needest not add to his discomfort.

2491

Let no man persuade thee that thou art not divine; thus believing, cultivate only those qualities that tend to spiritualize.

2492

WHAT shouldst thou do when a man smites thee on thy cheek? If thou turnest the other thou increasest his anger, and his opportunity to do evil. It seemeth wiser to cry, "Hold!" than to say, "Lay on!" as if thou wert a thing of dust that needed beating.

2493

The land of one's birth is not dearer than the land of one's adoption; but 't is only by return after long absence that this lesson is learned.

2494

Below the surface of things must the scientist look for the cause, though the effect be flauntingly displayed for common eyes.

2495

Whatsoever savors of personal gain in religion or politics savors of plunder.

2496

A pig can not be trusted in a garden.

2497

"The night cometh, when no man can work," was writ before the light of modern invention which maketh ancient speech less true for literal use.

2498

The shadow of death is but the twilight of earth's day, and below the horizon is the light of another.

2499

Silence is an educator from whom the many decline instruction.

2500

Point me a faultfinder and I will point thee imperfection.

2501

Quarrels lead thee to hatred, and hatred leads thee never to happiness.

2502

It is good to earn a place of trust for thyself, but dangerous to buy it.

2503

Determination and application make the improbable possible and place within reach the key of fame.

2504

Should thy neighbor despise thee when thy scrip is small, it is because he can not discriminate between what thou art and what thou hast.

2505

Vulgarity and eccentricity run to extremes, but refinement keeps to middle ground.

2506

Let the world know that you stand for a principle, and though it snub you it will respect you.

2507

A good or a bad reputation is made to stick.

2508

Fill not the air with lamentation, but with song, and thou wilt have a more cheerful following.

2509

There are worldly dunces and there are religious dunces, and there is little to be said in favor of the one over the other.

2510

'T is my belief that too much time and wine is wasted trying to patch First-Century bottles to hold the Twentieth-Century vintage.

2511

Thy voice is thy speaking soul.

2512

More are confused by theology than enlightened by it, because its utterances are fable, myth and personal opinion, and not till it learns more can it speak more wisely.

2513

REPOSE will do more for the weary mind than a narcotic, but it is more difficult to obtain, as the patient must compound his own dose; but when the formula is learned, the wealth of kings could not purchase it.

2514

Whatsoever savors of selfishness savors of unbecomingness.

2515

God is so lowly that He abideth in the most lowly places.

2516

A school for scandal is a school for the foolish: no clever mind could long endure the folly.

2517

The thief is chased and the beggar despised by honest toil.

2518

Throw mud if you will, but do not expect to keep clean hands.

2519

Despair not; the truth will befriend thee if thou art true to truth.

2520

The faintest pretext for wrongdoing is the very thing for which evil minds are searching; even the vilest like an excuse to offer themselves.

BOOK NINE

2521

LARGE part of life is given to costuming that were better given to things less vexatious than the bedecking of the perishable part; and though the tasteful covering of the form is desirable, a decorated body without a noble mind is so incongruous as to cause offense. Art should guide and fashion obey, then will woman become more moral and men will not cease to admire.

2522

Point me a man of conspicuous meekness and I will point thee one of weakness.

2523

Blow your horn if you must, but blow it at home and spare your neighbor's ear.

2524

Naturally man turns to God for instruction, and God turns man to himself.

2525

Speak homely truths in homely ways, that the listener lose not the thought in the music of the words.

2526

The tiniest pebble hath its work and doeth it.

2527

Let us hear less of regret and more of intent.

2528

Thou hast not time enough at thy disposal to live in the past and in the future without slighting the present.

2529

Fear nothing more than superstition. 'T is better thou be infidel to dogma than to commonsense: dogmas are man-given, but reason is God-given.

2530

NO man has ever been privileged to write the words of God, though many inspired writers, both ancient and modern, have expressed truth; and as inspiration is not dead but living, the words of the present generation are as precious as those of a bygone age.

2531

Urge not a man to think as thou thinkest nor to do as thou dost.

2532

A mind burnished by much thinking is brighter than a mind burnished by much reading.

2533

Why beat around the bush for game in sight?

2534

If thy inferior be in error, correct him gently.

2535

If thou art privileged to live thou art privileged to think.

2536

The little men know of a personal God and a personal devil, less than a word will express.

2537

The hope of a nation is the virtue of its youth.

2538

A weary head maketh a careless hand, and a careless hand maketh a weary head.

2539

The favor of a ruler may not be gained, but who can deny thee access to heaven?

2540

A man can not harness himself with a beast without degradation, neither can he tie himself to lust and escape harm.

2541

IF the philosopher's stone were ours, by the making of much gold we would so cheapen the metal that the zest for digging it would be gone; and it is a mooted question whether the getting of it is not what the world needs to make it labor and so civilize it.

2542

What is worth listening to is worth remembering, but alas! that idle gossip should endure longer than honorable mention.

2543

If thou art clever thou wilt keep in mind the past whilst peering into the future.

2544

A Socrates and a Jesus are born every day, differing only in degree of unfoldment.

2545

The majesty of being is belittled by a thought that puts God in a distant city called Heaven. God is everywhere, never here and never there one moment more than another.

2546

Bray of thy illustrious ancestors if thou must, but forget not that the world will compare thee with them.

2547

Why look for imperfection in one another? Is it so rare a thing that it is worth thy time to seek it?

2548

The ratio between what men know not and what they know is too long to be expressed by figures.

2549

The trend of modern thought is toward a scientific religion; the scientist, not the priest, will write the Twentieth-Century theology, and with the advent of knowledge the warfare will cease.

2550

DETECTION may or may not follow thy peculations whilst in the flesh, but when thou carryest thy burning secret where thou canst no longer conceal it, surely thou art a sneak and remorse will seize thee.

2551

Given a fair start, industrious mediocrity will outstrip indolent talent.

2552

Hold not virtue cheap. Thy morals will chase thee the wide world over. If thou desirest to teach, enfeeble not thyself with unbecoming conduct, that thy words must be considered apart from thy life.

2553

Half the people are bondmen to tradition, and desire to be.

2554

Fidelity is rare amongst the selfish.

2555

O slavery, thou didst cause the most precious blood of the North and of the South to be spilled to destroy thee.

2556

Make thyself a name, and whether it be good or bad the world will call thee by it.

2557

O God of the Universe, make me to think!

2558

He is brave who carrieth his burden silently, but he is braver who carrieth it triumphantly and maketh a pleasure of necessity.

2559

If thou makest the little ones of earth smile, thou wilt make the larger ones also; but thou mayest make the larger ones to laugh aloud, and yet not reach the little ones.

2560

BY a cool stream in the heart of the silent mountains would desire lead me that I might hold converse with the spirit of Nature, which would impart to me much that is refused me when moving with the throng of a metropolis.

2561

Do thy life-work so well that it is an honor to know thee.

2562

An indication that thou needest help: when thy face turneth backward and thy mind is pinned to the past.

2563

A monstrous thought—the Universe.

2564

God is not small enough to put in a creed, and the attempt will always be a failure.

2565

Nothing scares a bigot more than a new truth.

2566

There is a difference between a wise man and a lettered man.

2567

One man may say of another, "He is going to hell," but he that speaketh sayeth never thus of himself.

2568

Leap over the rough places in memory and loiter only in pleasant ways.

2569

A whirlpool in a narrow stream is not more dangerous to the boatman than innocent ignorance caught in the whirl of a city.

2570

There is more mental liberty out of the church than in it, though the reverse should be possible, and it will be when more truth prevails therein.

2571

Pride makes the difference between the somebody and the nobody.

2572

Why shouldst thou be disturbed by noisy tongues if thou hast done right?

2573

A mouse may gnaw a hole through which a rat may crawl.

2574

Whether it be better for thee to know the world better than the world knows thee, or for the world to know thee better than thou knowest the world, who can answer?

2575

He who contemplates matrimony should contemplate posterity.

2576

It may not always be wisest to seek middle ground when important questions threaten. The center of an island is not invariably the highest and safest point.

2577

Cast far from thee the thought that another can fill thy place in life—that is impossible.

2578

He who from vain notions seeks publicity merits obscurity.

2579

There is more of God in a flower than in a creed; more of beauty in a waving field than in a narrow belief; more of God in a thought of heaven than in a thought of hell.

2580

The size of the eye does not indicate the scope of the vision, nor the size of the head the scope of the mind.

2581

A humorist may shorten a long visage by lengthening his own.

2582

A holy text may be found and a sermon be written from the records of each day, and it will come to this: the fresher the text, the better the sermon.

2583

The way to heaven is as broad as the way to purgatory.

2584

Follow your inclinations when they lead upward, but when they lead downward make them follow you.

2585

Attend to thine own business, that another may not.

2586

A sign that your society is not needed — when you cease to do good.

2587

If there be aught within thy mind that is impure, cleanse thy mind of it ere thou be stricken low in the scale of thought and be unable to rise.

2588

Didst ever hear a hen complain of her duties or a dog of his responsibilities? They attend so faithfully to their work that the many forget to admire.

2589

Gradually men will come to understand that God and Nature have made no mistakes, and that man has made them all.

2590

Outside the circle of mortal vision opens the spiritual world peopled with men and women gone before; and there must the intellectual and the worthy be attracted to each other, regardless of former conditions or religions.

2591

Heavy bodies fall with a great noise and stay where they fall: so it is with material things; but the fall of a mighty spirit is never heard, and rise again it must.

2592

GO into a monastery when thou desirest to put God from thee, but stay in the world if thou desirest to be nearest Him; for the more of His children thou dost meet and the more of His handiwork thou dost observe, the more hast thou of Him each day. He dwelleth not so much behind cloistered walls as in the light, not so much in exile as in company.

2593

The secret thou art so carefully guarding is as plain to the spirit world as it is to thee.

2594

If thou inclinest to scandal, scandal will incline to thee, and at last health of mind will vanish.

2595

A long memory is a stern censor; but the better thy life, the more thou lovest memory.

2596

If the populace carry thee, thou art not sure of escaping a fall, and it may drop thee in a rough place.

2597

Put the low man in the high place and he serveth not so well as the high man in the low place.

2598

As many as live for worldly gain live for pain.

2599

The books of men are not the work of God, though the volumes were so named a thousand times.

2600

The heat of argument scorcheth the temper.

2601

Hast thou a moral right, O mourner, to garb thyself in such manner that thy presence repress all joy in the beholder?

2602

OF the world I ask this question, " When shall I know it well enough to avoid all unpleasantness? " and the world replies, " Never! Surprises, disappointments, good luck and bad luck will be found at every turning."

2603

A little house set on a high hill is seen farther than a great mansion hid in a vale; and it sometimes comes to pass that conspicuous smallness overtops secluded greatness.

2604

The simpleton knows it not and so pleaseth himself.

2605

In time to come the mind of man will mount upward as the eagle, and they who would prevent will stand beneath and marvel as the distance widens between the free man and the slave man.

2606

Nothing that will live in the minds of men can be accomplished without effort.

2607

The thought is the act in embryo.

2608

Great men speak of themselves with modesty, whilst the nobodies prattle unceasingly in self-praise.

2609

Chew a cud if you must, but don't expect others to enjoy it.

2610

If thou wouldst appoint thy neighbor's tasks, thou shouldst be willing that he appoint thine.

2611

If a man ask of thee thy purse, ask of him security if thou bestow it, lest he scorn thee for silliness.

2612

If thou hast a good word for the world, give it; and if an unkind one, suppress it, though thou art consumed with desire to speak and disappointment taunt thee.

2613

If thy feet travel in one direction and thy mind in another, little of good is accomplished—the house is divided against itself.

2614

The everlastingness of thought! The most beautiful flower will fade in a day, but a beautiful thought brightens with age.

2615

It is not the education that is received from the masters that lifts one man above another, but the energy that he puts forth to lift himself.

2616

Light is the need of the world to search its darkest corners and drive out mystery.

2617

The so-called plain people are ofttimes great people, and upon them the nation rests in perilous times.

2618

The necessary thing to insure success seems to be the ability to rise after defeat.

2619

If discernment were more general, fewer hints would be necessary and fewer offenses given and taken.

2620

The health of the mind is paramount to all else, for on mental health depends thy very life.

2621

Grumbling is not good for man nor woman. It destroys peace and makes of the mind a wilderness, and discontent is thy portion.

2622

THE formula for acquiring great wealth has never been divulged. Many surmise that luck plays a more important part than industry, and guesses have been made that reflect discredit on the possessors and their secret methods.

2623

When thou takest a bride, O man, thou takest into thy keeping God's daughter, and if thou art false to thy vows thou art unworthy the gift.

2624

The substance of life—unless it be spirit, what is it? And if we answer spirit, so little know we that we comprehend not the answer.

2625

The time is at hand when men acknowledge with frankness that to define God is not man's privilege, because of inability.

2626

The way to ruin is almost any direction that turns from self-respect.

2627

A useful lesson and a sensible one is to study yourself more than your neighbors, and with a better understanding of yourself you will have a better understanding of your neighbors.

2628

The best tonic for an indolent mind is a dose of ambition self-administered.

2629

A hare's foot bring thee luck? Nay, the foot is more lucky for the hare than for thee.

2630

When mud is splashed on thy garments, is thy body injured? Nay; and when bad words are thrown at thee thy soul may remain unspotted if thou art silent.

2631

IF the crowd offend thee, seek the few with whom thou canst exchange a thought. Thou shouldst not live alone in a world of ideas, for thou canst not gather them all thyself, and friends will assist thee to many that would escape thee; therefore it is not profitable to live alone nor was it meant that man should.

2632

A colony of blockheads does not necessarily evolve a community of wooden men. There is progress everywhere, and men may change with the age, despite heredity.

2633

Much thinking may not lead to wisdom; it may lead to foolishness. It is right thinking that is helpful.

2634

If thou dost use tongue or pen to injure another, thou art digging a ditch wherein to stumble.

2635

To find a good dog, look not amongst wolves.

2636

All that man knows and all that he is to know will be written by man.

2637

The groans of a day, were they merged into one, would frighten all laughter away from human lips.

2638

Naked facts should blush to be clothed with shame.

2639

A Summer in the woods is a Summer with the gods, who will share with thee many secrets.

2640

Go find liberty and when you have found her, do not try to prevent others from finding her because of some selfish end you may entertain.

2641

Intemperate speech may come from a sober man.

2642

Embarrassing to all concerned—a fortune without decorum.

2643

The detestable habit of lying will fasten itself on any one who makes familiar with it.

2644

Robust health and a robust mind should be inseparable, and that they are not is a sorrow and a general loss.

2645

A vile tongue is like a viper, breathing venom and inciting hate.

2646

A bad temper is like a quarrelsome neighbor; to hobnob and live in peace is impossible.

2647

A man may be slow and not be behind the age, or he may be fast and be obsolete.

2648

Labor is gain, but drudging is pain, from which the people yearn for deliverance.

2649

O sleep! thou art the savior of man and the helper of every creature of earth.

2650

A pleasing countenance and a silver tongue—thus equipped the destroyer is doubly armed.

2651

A little smoke showeth the beginning, and the mighty blaze showeth the end—thus is it with public wrongs.

2652

The sweetness of life is sipped with the cup of death.

2653

THE effect of clothes upon the mind is deplorable. It consumes the very marrow of life to run neck and neck with fashion, and to run behind leaves one in the predicament of having tried and failed.

2654

Despotism so delights in its power that civilization despises it.

2655

Oh, haste the day when all men shall be weaned from evil for their gain, for every doer of evil lessens the sum of human happiness.

2656

A broad stream flows between right and wrong, and people on both sides are continually wading in and out.

2657

Fling from thee the thought that man is born to live forever upon the footstool when evolution will exalt him.

2658

No more heed should be given the words of the prince than of the plowman, except as the wisdom of one exceeds that of the other.

2659

Mind should regulate the body and make of it a willing servant.

2660

How can he who is false to himself be true to his friends!

2661

The faults of a friend should not be trumpeted and our own concealed.

2662

When thy conscience speaks listen; it hath something to say for thy benefit.

2663

THE stolidity of unthinking men when confronted with fresh discoveries is ever a perplexing and formidable barrier between themselves and the educators, which tends to shut the former away from the new and force them further into the past.

2664

A long life is not promised to a young man; such knowledge might increase his vices and diminish his virtues by the postponement of virtuous practises till near the end.

2665

The slowest place on earth is always behind time.

2666

When God's word is written it will contain all of truth.

2667

The reading of many books is well when working many days, but the reading of many books is fraught with some danger when no energy is put forth to idealize the reading.

2668

How can the upper stone in the structure stand if the nether is removed, and of what use is the nether if another is not raised above it—society is builded thus of brawn and brain!

2669

Go thine own pace when walking with a knave, not his.

2670

Do not cry if the world frowns, if you have done your best.

2671

The way to disarm bad fortune is to meet it like a friend.

2672

The world is severe collectively, but individually it is lenient toward thy faults.

2673

Put a little commonsense into the daily ration if you wish to keep in good health.

2674

There is a difference between the rose and the lily in form and in color, but who will say they are not alike in the origin of their birth—their source is the one life.

2675

Man is neither as small nor as great as he thinks.

2676

If you wish to find a student at his work, look for solitude; the mind works better in stillness than in noise.

2677

Though truth sometimes stands in the shadow of deceit, yet it can not be entirely overshadowed.

2678

Harken to the words of experience; whilst they may not save thee entire, they may prevent thy death, moral and physical.

2679

Gone is yesterday, but now is here; so let it be filled to the utmost, that when it departs regrets go not with it.

2680

Vice is not noisier than virtue when it prates.

2681

Keep the mind above the body at all times.

2682

What can one do who is chained to the past but die?

2683

To affirm success is a forerunner of success.

2684

Fall in line when the rulers are marching heavenward.

2685

WITH the approach of the night let peace approach with it; and sleep not with a thought of hatred against man, woman or child of whatsoever race, color or condition of life. If thou dost this, whether thou be Christian or Pagan, thou hast naught to fear from the God of Love.

2686

If thy thoughts be unclean, filter them as thou wouldst unclean water, or they will poison thee.

2687

The chicanery amongst neighbors is as flagrant as the chicanery amongst rogues: there is honor and dishonor in all grades of society, whether walking the respectable or the disreputable paths of life.

2688

Cast ye either good or evil thought or deed on the waters of life, and after many days the good and the evil will return unto thee.

2689

One way to control thy temper is to cry "mad dog" and run away from it before it bites thee or thy friends, as it surely will if left to run at large.

2690

Age commands respect when age respects itself; but a vile tongue between shrunken lips calls only for pity.

2691

It is tiresome to wait for good to come when there is no bow of promise.

2692

He that glorieth in another's downfall glorieth in his own, for that which befalls one befalls all.

2693

Cage the murderer; do not liberate him by killing, if thou wouldst be rid of him.

2694

Hold fast to that which elevates thee, and despise not the helping hand of purity.

2695

Search for a perfect man, and by the image thou dost place before thy mind's eye thine own image is fashioned; hence, searching for good benefits thee more than searching for evil.

2696

Refinement is an inner rather than an external quality. Fine plumage covers the ostrich, but that does not refine him and prevent him from vicious kicking.

2697

Does the African look black to God or the Caucasian white? Methinks that righteousness is more than skin-deep and that God judges righteously.

2698

Ambition wrongly directed leads to wormwood and gall.

2699

To fight for a good cause may be pardonable, but to fight for a bad cause is abominable.

2700

Step to the front if thou art faultless; otherwise an invitation is becoming.

2701

Candor may be brutal, and when it is, only brutality will employ it.

2702

Let wicked words fall where they may, if thou art guiltless they will not rest long on thee.

2703

Thou mayest pick up a crooked stick in the forest or in the garden, but the task of straightening it may bend thy back.

2704

AS joy makes glad it also makes sad the heart of him who has lived to see that life is not unbroken joy, that when he is rejoicing another is sorrowing; but he perceiveth that the emotions preserve equilibrium and strengthen sympathy.

2705

Did the nobodies not blow their own horn, who would?

2706

The better side of man is that which is turned toward man.

2707

Renew thy faith by keeping the fire of hope bright, and what thou desirest will be as a light ahead which thou wilt strive to reach.

2708

Liberty is God's child, whom you should love with all your heart.

2709

Close thy lips and thy ears so tight that no ill pass them.

2710

It is fitting that men should live nobly that they die not ignobly.

2711

The beginning of sorrow is the beginning of light.

2712

Deceit answereth no good purpose in life.

2713

The perception of parents concerning their own offspring seems much duller than concerning the offspring of others.

2714

To jump over the moon were a great feat, but not so great as to jump from earth to the Godhead the night after death.

2715

FIND a little square of the earth somewhere that thou canst call thine own, strive for it, work for it, and thou wilt become a better citizen than he who has naught of the soil but that which clings to his soles and his palms. Criminals rarely grow upon their own land.

2716

However free the mind, the body is pinioned and can not follow it.

2717

The making of a perfect man is the labor of eternity.

2718

The lash of inquiry has beaten many falsehoods into truth.

2719

A little sense is difficult to conceal, although a great deal can be hidden easily.

2720

Always think of thy deceased neighbor as in heaven, and if thou must put any one in a less agreeable place, put thyself there.

2721

Some one blunders every time the faults of another are told.

2722

A barrel of money will not buy a pennyworth of brain, though brain is the chief factor in making the barrel of money.

2723

The passions of mankind when confined too long explode savagely, and the destruction is heard with alarm by the peaceful.

2724

A willingness to think, and not the capability—such is the condition of many, and these are drawn into the whirlpool of foolishness as they drift along the stream of novelty.

2725

WHO dare proclaim that he is ordained by God, and that his brother is not, is bold indeed. God has ordained that all shall obey the laws of life and all men are equal before the law.

2726

The backbiters are the wolves of society.

2727

A dunce is bearable if he knows it.

2728

The noblest of all pursuits is the service of humanity.

2729

The defense of a nation is love of home.

2730

The meanest opinion thou holdest of another is not too mean for another to hold of thee.

2731

The nearest approach to vice is the furthest from virtue.

2732

The best part of life is that which is best spent.

2733

The hills and the valleys that science has traveled make a long road, but there is no end in sight.

2734

Usually when one gives a piece of one's mind it is a rough corner of no value.

2735

The last step in vice is alone—the penalty must be paid by the wrongdoer.

2736

Visions of wealth and visions of poverty : these mental pictures, oftener than all others, appear to cautious men urging them to labor and to save.

2737

THOU mayest love and honor the great and the good of earth, but thou mayest not worship them as men were wont to do in times past before the age of print cleared the mind. Man born of woman may be thy helper, but not thy God.

2738

The thoughts of today are the history of tomorrow.

2739

He who objects to fine speech objects to fine manners.

2740

Alas, that the nation turn from the ways of simplicity to the ways of duplicity, and cast aside the garments of equality for kingly vestments!

2741

On the wings of time cometh death, but who fears whose life is holy?

2742

As a man's gait indicates his physical direction, it also points his mental direction.

2743

Scarcity of humor maketh a dull day, but an abundance maketh a quick one.

2744

Confidence in luck means confidence in illusion, though it would seem that there are incoming and outgoing tides upon which success rides.

2745

Boldness will carry a villain some distance, but forsakes him at the door of justice.

2746

Murderers inflict more misery upon themselves than they can upon their victims. It is easier to forget wrong than to banish ghosts.

2747

TO think or not to think admits of no argument, but thou mayest not think my way nor I thy way regarding the things beyond vision; but if thou thinkest well of me and I well of thee, our thinking will bring us no evil, though our conclusions lead us far apart.

2748

The caperings of poverty in the guise of wealth—who can describe them and not both laugh and cry?

2749

Mistake not refinement for indifference; the unrefined will rush in where delicacy forbids intrusion.

2750

Even the greatest mind can not do my thinking, but may help me to think; and though I may reject valuable lessons, my mind has grown stronger trying to discern truth.

2751

When imagination prompts the memory, what shall the hearer call the story?

2752

Hold on to a new thought long enough to examine it on every side and release it only when you discover it possesses no fair side.

2753

The most pleasant of all earth dreams is the reunion of families in the beyond, and sweet is the teaching that promises the reality.

2754

It is righteous living rather than fantastic believing that makes a man ready for the great reaper.

2755

Under thirty years of age a man is a novice, but double thirty he should be an authority and so continue without diminishing luster until evolution relieves him and takes him onward.

2756

IN earlier centuries daubers in lurid colors attracted much attention to their pictures of the hereafter; but now the truer artist is come, and in place of a blaze he is painting a flower; and in place of a devil is drawing a man; instead of gilding is spreading the greensward; and where once was a throne is now a garden, wherein men and women move and talk and deport themselves rationally.

2757

A prince is he who leads an unpopular truth whom posterity will crown king.

2758

As small as man is he hath a great work to do and should get about it early.

2759

It is better to find thy place and keep it than to take another's. Each has a niche, and 't is the getting into the wrong place that makes so much trouble, confusion and failure.

2760

Hold nothing as trivial that is sacred to another.

BOOK TEN

2761

MEN shudder at death; but if death never approached, men would abhor one another in their infirmity, and the world would not progress with an enfeebled population and fixed notions. Every new generation is prepared for fresh thought that the removal of a former generation has made possible. The old branches are cut away when they no longer bear fruit.

2762

It is rash to jump at a conclusion when time is abundant.

2763

The favorite of fortune is not he who has most dollars, but most sense.

2764

Impartial history can not be written, because historians are men.

2765

A cherished spot is where words of love have been spoken.

2766

Nature colors thy every thought.

2767

Liberty is man's safety or his destruction—just as he useth it.

2768

Over-confidence destroys our sense of values and makes us imagine that we are great when we are barely acceptable.

2769

Rudeness of manner and harshness of speech are unpleasant enough in the ignorant, but unpardonable in the educated.

2770

Prying open secrets is as reprehensible as pilfering.

2771

Buy what thou needest or earn it; steal it never, or it will curse thee in spite of pleading.

2772

The puniest falsehood may obtain so vigorous a growth that it will choke the truth. 'T is like a noxious weed whose rank growth uproots the delicate plant beside it.

2773

The taming of a shrew is the instruction of the ignorant. A wise woman is never a shrew.

2774

Feed thy soul, O mortal, if thou dost expect to save it for future use.

2775

Be not ashamed to love all men—be ashamed to hate one.

2776

The last to come under the shadow of an angel wing is vanity.

2777

Censure none if thou wouldst escape.

2778

Be not a common carrier of tales. It makes thee a servant.

2779

Seek a place for thyself in the highest places and fit thyself daily to occupy it wisely and beneficently.

2780

Labor is salvation—without it mankind would be lost.

2781

It is plain that life is a plan—but he who can trace it has not yet lived.

2782

Look not to riches for ease of mind—unless thou hast it now thou wouldst not have it then.

2783

Do not pester your neighbor with disease talk; if you wish to help him and save yourself, talk health or hold your peace.

2784

Expect no reward for thy good deeds—it may come and it may not come, but thy soul has been expanded and that is enough.

2785

Practise not deceit, but feel all that you express of pleasure or friendliness.

2786

Work, for the day is here. Rest, for the night is come.

2787

Fear approaches oftener than any other thought. Its very persistency makes it a dangerous foe, and only by constant vigilance can we protect ourselves from its ravages.

2788

Hypocrisy is contemptible—silence is not, and is therefore preferable.

2789

If thou art truly great and not a pretender thou canst not be tempted to depart from rectitude.

2790

Ferocity of manner frequently covers a cowardly heart.

2791

When love and beauty clamor for expression, why deny their appeal to abide with us?

2792

So hollow is hypocrisy that words rattle through it like gravel through a cylinder and is all poured out whilst sincerity is silently waiting its opportunity.

2793

The breath of God is upon us when we feel like doing good and putting evil to flight.

2794

BOWLING along with swift steeds one beholds only the most presentable portions of the homes that line the way of life, but it is really the backyards that tell the truer story of humanity.

2795

A flash of truth lighteth life's way.

2796

Sensuality slays its devotees—there is no escaping from the clutches of this monster.

2797

The little that man knows of himself makes him desirous to learn more or nothing at all.

2798

Letters are the impress of thought and will outlive the handwork of art.

2799

The weight of testimony is in favor of homes against hostelries. From every point of view there can be no other verdict. Is not the average man readier to defend his home than an hotel?

2800

If a man neglect to return that which he borrows he holds his honor cheap.

2801

Going from bad to worse might be likened to entering a bear's den when the bear is at home and expect not to get hurt.

2802

Hunger is not the cause of so much theft as covetousness, which is not confined to the poor but takes possession of the crowned head and the men of affairs.

2803

Beat a child and he may desert thee—if not in person, in heart. Any method of correction is preferable to the lash, because the lash is a relic of servitude.

2804

THE dead languages were essential to dead peoples. 'T is the usefulness of language that makes its possession valuable—therefore a living language is worth more than all dead tongues because of utility.

2805

Failing to get dollars, a man may get sense—which is truly the need of mankind.

2806

The work of life is the discernment of the true from the false. This is education.

2807

Give a cordial hand to a repentant and lead conversation into the future.

2808

A tithe of thy money is worth more to the needy than a tithe of thy advice, however valuable, and though this suggestion is very old it is novel to those who have not acted upon it.

2809

Progress is labor, though labor may not be progress.

2810

If thou hast not a care over thy good name, few will concern to preserve it.

2811

Candor is not thine to use at all times. It must be reserved for suitable occasions.

2812

Rake over the dead past for a day and if thou dost feel the better for it, thou art a singular being.

2813

A man for the people is he who strives to lift them single-handed to a higher niche in life's temple without disturbing their various gods and religious beliefs.

2814

SEARCH more diligently in your own life for defects than in another's. In this way you can perform double public service, as you will be attending to your own affairs and not meddling with another's.

2815

A wicked man is he who desires freedom that he may oppress.

2816

A little amusement is a tonic; too much is an emetic.

2817

The final end of hate is inconceivable, but its direction is darkness and misery.

2818

Select your friends with at least the care that you would your household wares.

2819

Dance at a funeral if you dare, but be sure that your reason therefor is not misunderstood.

2820

Enter not the church-door to pray for thy soul and forget to pray for thy body, which is the temple of the soul and holier than the place wherein thou prayest, because not made by hands.

2821

Love must be sown to be grown—therefore expect not a crop of love if your heart is barren.

2822

A whining child needs not so much correcting as directing.

2823

A distinct note in the scale of being is sounded when the human voice reaches the keynote of love.

2824

If everybody hesitated what would become of progress?

2825

THE carping of critics has wounded genius more than aught else. Mediocrity is less injured because less sensitive. A cruel thrust does not quicken genius nor is this the critic's desire. Genius needs encouragement. 'T is mediocrity that pushes to the front unassisted and unasked.

2826

Look to yourself for aid when your predicament is of your own making.

2827

Though sin may appear strong it is ever weak.

2828

The pain of parting should make holy the hour of companionship.

2829

At the bidding of love homely things become beautiful and old things become new.

2830

Love strikes no blow except in defense of its own.

2831

It requires more skill to mend a lie than to make one.

2832

The vanity of the vain inspires them to littleness rather than greatness.

2833

Be kind to thyself; this is the reverse of selfishness, for all thy acts must be good and thy appetites temperate.

2834

The secret of contentment is hope.

2835

How can a cheat be happy, and when is a beggar rich? Honesty and industry are the only roads that lead to happiness and ease.

2836

IF thou voice the words of the dead, voice also the thoughts of the living, for unto every generation is given its thinkers, and the past is fraught with less for the present than the present for the present.

2837

One need not go to the bottom of the sea to catch a fish. Truth sometimes lieth near the surface of things.

2838

Laying claim to integrity, exercise it constantly.

2839

Get into the way of giving thyself a lecture now and then and spare thy neighbor.

2840

Fling the great things out of life and the little things assume greater proportions.

2841

A playful rebuke is ofttimes more effective than a severe one, because it has no sting.

2842

Thou mayest be content with thy surroundings, but thou mayest not with thyself lest thou cease to progress.

2843

It should be uphill all the way from birth to the open door of the next world. The ascent is so gradual that it is not perceptible.

2844

A coward with a bold look can accomplish much when little is required.

2845

If the door of the next world opens to thy vision, close not thine eyes, but peer as far in as thou canst and tell what thou seest to them who would know.

2846

ONLY in the degree that present thought is binding to the future, is past thought binding to the present; and if this could be driven into the sectarian's mentality, there might be less quarreling over what is essential to salvation.

2847

To fight one's way to the front of public recognition without assistance is heroic if nothing more.

2848

The homely flower that opens under thine own hand bears a sweeter message to thee than strange bloom.

2849

A sure evidence of thy selfishness is the desire to have more than thy neighbor.

2850

The human mind is shaping itself for the new theology that hovers in the very atmosphere ready to descend. And, O ye of little faith, can ye not see that it is God's will being done on earth as in heaven?

2851

Be reticent when strangers question, lest they learn of thee to thy harm.

2852

If there comes to thee a thought that pricks thy conscience, it will pierce it deep and lasting if not banished instantly.

2853

Lay not the cause of thy trouble to another and thou wilt the sooner overcome it.

2854

Hope reacheth for the hand of love in the darkness of sorrow's night, and if the world turneth away in reproach it still puts forth a hand for some pitying angel to clasp.

2855

The easy bed giveth not always the most tranquil rest.

2856

A little child is more instructive than a little adult.

2857

Snobbery can only be eradicated by the broadest education inasmuch as narrow education cultivates it and its attendant weakness and is the beginning of decay.

2858

An angel with a flaming sword can not prevent scandal from entering the gates of imprudence.

2859

The supremacy of the body over the mind leads to the undoing of both.

2860

A fulfilment of God's love for man is permission to die when he hath need and rise in the scale of life.

2861

The mind of man is a unit—its subdivisions but a wordy fancy.

2862

The fire in a man's soul burneth through great obstacles.

2863

What cleanseth the heart more thoroughly of vanity than danger! Then soft hands clasp roughest palms with common thought.

2864

Every day an addition is made to the literature of the world, but only now and then cometh a book stamped immortal.

2865

The lioness naturally plays with her whelps, but not with man; and time spent by man in forcing Nature to change her ways, the lioness properly resents.

2866

If a man have opinions in a hostile camp, he had better keep them than force them on unwilling ears.

2867

A frivolous life is a vexatious one.

2868

Truth will eventually overcome error, but not always soon enough to save the slaughter of many who perish whilst it gathers strength.

2869

The pleasure of giving pleasure is all the reward one could wish.

2870

The steps unto heaven are acts of kindness.

2871

The greatest hindrance to spiritual progress is veneration of superstition.

2872

Hammer your own views on the anvil of commonsense and temper them with love.

2873

Go to thy couch with love toward all, even thine enemies, for in the silence of sleep thou mayest overcome them and master thyself.

2874

If you look for motives, outward forms and impressions will impress you less.

2875

Hold this thought forever: if thy desire is more light, it will always shine in thy soul with increasing brilliance.

2876

Lo, gold is losing its power day by day, and there is growing recognition of merit amongst them who have balanced brains.

2877

THERE is a note of God in all that reacheth mine ear, and in all that mine eye perceives there is a semblance. The rose in its hidden heart and the dewy wild blooms hold God close and express to their limit love divine.

2878

How can one hold another and pour the truth down him? He would spew it up and curse.

2879

The sands of the sea and the rocky mountain-peaks write for man their own scriptures.

2880

Do not tie yourself to the past nor present. Be free to think, that you may be free to grow.

2881

Anything that makes thee wiser should make thee better.

2882

Man looks upon the sun, moon and stars so often that he ceases to marvel at their strange beauty, which should always inspire him with awe and a worshipful spirit.

2883

Regard with suspicion any man who would retard your growth by hindering your thought.

2884

My fancy soareth as it will, but my imagination is creative and that needs directing.

2885

It can scarcely be said that thought originates with any man, but it is his if he can grasp it.

2886

Whosoever goeth to a fortune-teller for a fortune is placed on the anticipative list, if nothing more.

2887

The ends of justice trail a long way behind courts.

2888

Knowledge preacheth progression.

2889

In the icy Poles does God labor as diligently as in the luxuriant tropic land to carry out his gigantic plan.

2890

Forward and backward—backward and forward—swings the pendulum of success and failure.

2891

A man's religion may be as truly inherited as his name, but his morals should be directed and his tastes cultivated without reference to his inheritance.

2892

A great thought expressed in a shrill key impresses us less than a low tone.

2893

Though a man inherits much from his parents he inherits more from his country. It is difficult for a great soul to manifest greatness in a narrow land.

2894

The crumbs from one man's table will spread a banquet for another; all wastefulness is wrong and distribution right.

2895

Revenge is more terrible than a revolving blade which slashes without mercy.

2896

Though a lisping child may utter wisdom at intervals, none are accounted wise who have not had experience.

2897

The sweetest song does not always proceed from the topmost boughs of the tree.

2898

A haughty contempt for wrongdoing is commendable, but a haughty contempt for the wrongdoer is censurable.

2899

A warm coat may cover a frozen heart.

2900

Oh, would that truth were mighty to slay its antagonist at the outset.

2901

The pursuit of money for personal power will land the hunter at last in the ditch, but to pursue it for noble purposes is praiseworthy.

2902

To catch a villain is not difficult, but to reform him requires more than the machinery of the law.

2903

There be some of long memory and racy tongue ever ready to accuse the reformer of insincerity if unfortunately he may have slipped on the path of rectitude.

2904

Though cut to the quick, pride does not fall before duty, though vanity may sink with humiliation.

2905

I see not how God can be pleased or displeased by what man may say or think, but I can see how man can injure or benefit himself by his words and his thoughts and especially by his deeds.

2906

Wise men are trying most to be just, though pious men may be trying most to make converts.

2907

The people at large praise not God more than themselves for that which they have, and the viewpoint makes this appear right or wrong.

2908

Thou canst not steal another's friend away and escape the sharp stiletto of jealousy later.

2909

Pander to a man's vanity and he may despise thee though he smile.

2910

The thirst of the mind is unquenchable.

2911

Whittle a stick to a point and it describes an undeveloped mind.

2912

If ye desire a new heaven and a new earth, ye must have new thoughts.

2913

Inasmuch as ye depart from sincerity ye depart from honor.

2914

It were kinder to strangle affection ere it grows, than to ask it to live with suspicion and jealousy.

2915

Wherefore a mind if not for use? Wherefore an arm if not for use? Wherefore anything if not useful to round out and perfect the man?

2916

Of what use is a long life without good works? The retention of the physical body for evil deeds maketh the condition worse.

2917

One might as reasonably wager on the weight on a hook before drawing in the line as to wager on a future state because of some belief.

2918

Spontaneity of thought indicates neither shallowness nor depth. The words and the man indicate more than quickness or hesitancy of his speech.

2919

TO search for one's affinity on earth would be to search for the proverbial needle in the hay; but agreeable companionship may be met at the first turning and the mistakes of the affinity-hunter avoided.

2920

A rogue can be made a churchman easier than he can be made an honest man.

2921

However ambitious, the possessor of a dull eye and a witless tongue is heavily handicapped in the race for public honors.

2922

Delay not thy salvation, which is soul cultivation.

2923

Without the change called death man is debarred the pleasures of advanced worlds.

2924

A solecism may contain a lesson, and a barbarism convey a truth.

2925

There is little of worth contained in grumbling.

2926

Be gentle but not weak; be firm but not stubborn; be positive but not obdurate; be cautious but not cowardly; be direct but not harsh.

2927

The loudest complaint is sometimes the least noticed and the last relieved.

2928

The seamy side of your life should not be shown. It offends the public and degrades yourself.

2929

Be content that you fret not, but be not so content that you aspire not.

2930

IF I am called a Christian the world knows little of my true character; if I am called by any other religious name nothing is known of my heart; but if I am called righteous my life is then known to all men of whatsoever belief.

2931

If thou hast an implacable enemy it is a sore hindrance to thee and to him.

2932

Let there be a song in thy heart when thy hand performeth either the chosen or the necessary work of thy life.

2933

New truths can not be accurately measured by old standards: new truth requires new theology.

2934

Alas, that the lords of creation are not all rulers of themselves!

2935

The place for egotism is behind itself.

2936

A thousand good deeds can not efface one bad deed. On the book of life a thousand will stand to your credit and one to your discredit.

2937

Small men are purchasable, but a great man is beyond price.

2938

Genius blooms on strange stalks.

2939

When ambition is aroused after a long sleep it may not desire to rest again.

2940

Capture a truth whenever you find it: it is thine to hold.

2941

The relation of age and wrinkles is perplexing to the metaphysician.

2942

Measure not your achievements by the mediocrity of one, but by the superiority of another.

2943

I can and I will: this declaration embraces confidence and determination, and both are essential to success.

2944

Who are the ignorant? They who know less than God, and that is why all men sin in degree.

2945

Life is a bridge of sighs to those who cross the channel of remorse.

2946

Over the mountains of science is rising the bright assurance of immortality.

2947

To encourage truthfulness do not flog it.

2948

Eloquence can not gloss sin, though pleading may protect it.

2949

Like an arrow from a hunter's bow comes thought from the Infinite to the finite mind.

2950

If one in a hundred would cast out fear the ninety and nine would be happier.

2951

Mercy always shines in God's world, but grows dim in man's when he wages injustice.

2952

When you meet applause question it.

2953

THE keenest mentality can not penetrate the mystery of the past and the future of man. His earthly sojourn and a glimmer of the spirit world must suffice him, but his beginning seemeth more mysterious for the mind to contemplate than his destiny.

2954

Listeners may hear no good of themselves, but they may be much profited thereby if they be apt in applying.

2955

Fill thy days with goodness and thy nights will be free from fear.

2956

Dam up egotism and the stream of conversation would run low.

2957

One may have cares and no growth, but one may not have growth and no cares.

2958

Love, we say, is the most precious of human attributes. Hence we reason that God is love.

2959

Without continuity of thought the mind is in tatters.

2960

When one is searching for truth one has no time to hate.

2961

On account of limitation ignorance fails to understand intelligence.

2962

Should we find a little flaw in another, how can we blazon it and be flawless?

2963

A dilemma: the hands full of money and the feet in the grave.

2964

If thou art superior thou wilt lift thyself above the inferior.

2965

Laugh wherever you go and the way is cheerful.

2966

Thou canst be happy in a barren house, but only miserable in a barren mind; therefore furnish thy mind first.

2967

Oh, the pity that degenerates be born into this world of men and women who know not how to regenerate them!

2968

Hatred bringeth the hater into contempt.

2969

God, make Thou me to look with the eyes of a saint and not with the eyes of a sinner; then will I see only Thee and rejoice.

2970

If the cord of friendship be severed, there is no tone, however skilled, who can unite it without seam.

2971

A despondent mind makes surroundings of the same hue.

2972

The sweetest tone in any language is that which expresses love, and the harshest that which destroys it.

2973

Converse with thy soul occasionally and thou wilt find the acquaintance not without material and spiritual profit.

2974

What a wonderful and beautiful world does man behold; yet it is only one of countless numbers that he may be destined to occupy in his upward journey toward the goal of perfect being.

2975

He who commits suicide will not find the boatman of Charon awaiting him, but must journey alone in darkness to the unknown land.

2976

Over-cultivation of the commercial instinct causeth the artistic to subside.

2977

The world is a charnel-house of worldly failures.

2978

O God, no man is permitted to know Thee, but all may love the giver of life.

2979

The moment we listen for praise vanity clamors for admittance.

2980

A dangerous point is where decision and indecision meet.

2981

When the thoughts are sad laughter runneth away, for with gloom it perishes.

2982

The wind changes suddenly, and if it has been blowing a long time from the stormy quarter, it can not be far to pleasant weather.

2983

Whenever you slip and fall, get up and take more heed.

2984

Vanity rejoiceth much to display its possessions, but is despondent when it hath naught to flaunt.

2985

Avoid precipitance unless there be urgent necessity. It is not prudent to disturb a dog with a bone.

2986

Refinement is the kernel of decorum.

2987

However keen the intellect and sharp the eye, if the conscience be dull, man when weighed in the balance will be found wanting.

2988

When the people have more religion than civilization the love of God and man leaveth them.

2989

Sages will tell you that all they know has been acquired by diligence, and that indolence never acquired anything but failure.

2990

Everything that tends to widen the scope of human vision should be received with applause.

BOOK ELEVEN

2991

ERY many gather at the gate of sin to watch the people pass through, and it is not uncommon for one of the curious onlookers to be pushed in with the crowd, much to his surprise and chagrin. But when once within the enclosure he is branded and carries the felon's mark, whether or not his mishap is the result of accident or intention.

2992

Untruth is the quintessence of evil.

2993

The least we can do for ourselves is to pray; the most we can do is to work.

2994

To walk on the edge of a cliff in the darkness is perilous, but not more so than to walk on the narrow edge of dishonesty with the yawning abyss of crime below.

2995

The gateway that leads to heaven is nearer than death.

2996

The ability to read character is oftener the possession of the rogue than the honest man.

2997

A Godlike attribute of woman is her patience.

2998

A thoughtful man guardeth his speech, but vacuity is heard afar.

2999

Avoid pretense and pretenders if thou lovest thyself, truly.

3000

The sun is the hope of the world.

3001

NOT to go in when it rains is accounted foolish, but when the storms of persecution beat mercilessly on the world's most advanced thinkers it is the fools who are first to seek the shelter of old opinions.

3002

Persecution is the outcome of bigotry.

3003

To continue in evil when conscience warns is to stand on a railroad-track and await the oncoming engine of destruction.

3004

The dew of heaven waters the mellow heart of benevolence that each day the white flowers of kindness may bud and blossom for some needy soul.

3005

When we look to the gay and heartless world for sympathy we receive its scorn.

3006

Whatsoever we may do to uplift ourselves we may know that God attends our efforts.

3007

The finding of the truth is the work of the world, but there are too many drones at present.

3008

Lean thoughts and lean minds belong to those who exercise them least.

3009

Whatsoever may be your offense against humanity, there must be opportunity to rise even though execution be the penalty, but of the time required to balance your account for outraging law only justice knows.

3010

Boast not of thy ancestors; the world judged them long ago, it will judge thee now.

3011
The unrest of today is the calm of tomorrow.

3012
Thrice welcome is a friend who comes rejoicing.

3013
He who labors from choice enjoys the work, but he who labors without choice despises the work and the director.

3014
Poverty is never kind and ofttimes cruel.

3015
Proclaim health, but never talk disease.

3016
Except a ruler be a lover of liberty he will oppress.

3017
Youth is not more pleasing than age. Is not the harvest season as pleasant as the planting time? Is not the full mind of maturity more satisfying than the empty one of childhood?

3018
Say not thou art too old to learn if it be thy desire. Increase thy knowledge and extend thy strength to the uttermost point.

3019
The noblest of patriots is he who goeth forth from the heart's home without murmuring and without praise.

3020
Let go of prejudice, that thou mayest advance naturally.

3021
The plucking of thoughts from the mental garden will give thee pleasure and profit.

3022
Injustice is the torment of mankind; justice, the consolation.

3023

WHY, to be like thy neighbor, do those things that bring thee naught but weariness? If thou wouldst be at thy best, follow not thy neighbor but set thine own pace, that health and usefulness abide long to serve thyself and others faithfully.

3024

Fly from anger as thou wouldst before a storm to keep thee whole, for as surely as passion overwhelm it will destroy thee in part.

3025

If thou wilt thou mayest talk with thy spirit as with a friend, and what thy reason may not declare thy intuition may discern.

3026

Provide a man with wings and his peril increases.

3027

The safety of man is his progress: his danger is his ignorance.

3028

Everything that comes to thee accept for thy enlightenment.

3029

The day will come when the man below and the man on high will converse with freedom and no one doubt.

3030

Every night should find you a little nearer the height of your ambition.

3031

Oh, that simplicity and fashion would walk the world hand in hand evermore!

3032

Depart not from thine own conclusions of what is right and what is wrong to please the king himself.

3033

Selfishness often prompts a lavish hand.

3034

FOLLY says, "Risk thy whole fortune on one turn." Reason says, "Risk only that thou canst spare." But wisdom says, "Avoid the game of chance as thou wouldst the tentacles of the octopus if thou wouldst save thyself an untimely end."

3035

Compulsion might be used with a friend, not with the stranger.

3036

What have years to do with thee, O woman of eternity, that thou shouldst spend thy precious moments bemoaning their departure?

3037

Clothe ideas simply, and they will be more pleasing; overloaded, they appear stilted.

3038

A layman hath as much authority to think as a clergyman, and having more liberty it is the layman that will think for the church in the Twentieth Century and the clergy will follow the flock.

3039

Be not disturbed by what the great world may think of thee if thou art at peace with thine own soul.

3040

If thou art looking for glory, look upward. If thy career is downward, thou wilt miss it.

3041

Thinking is a man's inheritance of which only the crafty would despoil him.

3042

If immortality be not true, why should men concern one about another? If in a twinkling, life is o'er, of what avail to struggle against the current? It is faith in immortality that makes men strive.

3043

CLIMB as high as you can you can not reach your ideal in art or literature, and methinks there will ever be a niche above thy head—even in the worlds to come—through which thou mayest pass on thy journey in quest of perfection.

3044

Alas! Infallibility is not man's inheritance.

3045

Thou mayest drive an ox, but it is wiser to lead a man.

3046

Evolution is a snail's pace: revolution the rush of a mad elephant.

3047

When a man has charity for his own misdeeds and none for his neighbor's, what shall be said of him?

3048

What can be more offensive than laudation of one's self to the exclusion of all others?

3049

Fear not, revengeful man, that natural law will not punish the wrongdoer, whether it be thee or thy enemy.

3050

The brain is the meter which registers every thought that passes through it.

3051

It seemeth not true that each man individually builds his own body, but that a thousand, yea, ten thousand minds or forces, have a formative influence in the building of the spirit's temple.

3052

Whithersoever thou goest let peace go with thee.

3053

Faith hath no sight, but hope guides.

3054

GOD forbid that any man say to his brother, "Thou art doomed to eternal torment, whilst I will inherit bliss because of my little man-fashioned belief of puny conception"; but if he sayeth it, have mercy upon him, for he lacketh understanding.

3055

Thou mayest find beautiful blossoms in the commonest gardens: so in the human garden, some lovely characters will be found in poorest soil and miserable surroundings.

3056

If thou be light in thy mind thou will be in thy countenance.

3057

The highest compliment bestowed upon modesty is not flattery.

3058

Labor serves itself worst when its work is badly done, and serves itself best when its work is well done.

3059

If the heart seize a fallacy it will cherish it longer than the head.

3060

Mourn with the mourner if you choose, but it were better to smile than to cry and thus lift the veil of woe.

3061

To catch a thief does not reform him: society is only temporarily relieved of a degenerate.

3062

If thou be insulted, thou canst turn away without other than imaginary harm. Not so if thou retaliate: then thou fallest and bringest evil to thyself.

3063

If thy heart is fixed on doing good, thou wilt find life bright if there is no other life around thee.

3064

THE sons of toil are needful—so are the sons that direct the toilers. There is a middle line to which they must move: when each serves the other, there can be no bone of contention over which to fight.

3065

It is good to dance, it is good to sing, and if thou canst do these things when the sun is high, it is better than when darkness prevails.

3066

Water is God's offering to man; rum is man's offering to man: the difference in the effects bespeaks the richness of the one and the meanness of the other.

3067

Dim is the lamp of ignorance, brilliant the light of knowledge.

3068

Fear will usurp the throne of reason if permitted.

3069

A gray morning may prepare a golden evening.

3070

Beauty without good sense is as disappointing as a rose without fragrance.

3071

Would I live forever? Yea, but not on this beautiful earth, but in a fairer world of light, life and intelligence, and then in a higher and a higher and so up forever.

3072

Confide in a fool if you dare and your plans will vanish in air.

3073

The joy of life is in the mind.

3074

Such as harken unto prophecy should forget not that there are false prophets among the true.

3075

How can a man do right if he think wrong?

3076

The prelude of sin is inclination.

3077

The finding of a flawless character is doubtful, and hunting for flaws is neither commendable nor profitable, however much it may gratify the hunter.

3078

Training the young to clear thinking is part of the nation's work in the nation's schoolhouses.

3079

Is not the truth more precious than thy merchandise? And is not lying more harmful for thee than losing it?

3080

In the fulness of time man will reign over himself, and then prison-houses will be turned into curiosity-shops wherein are exhibited the devices of a semi-civilized people to maintain order.

3081

The sequel of ambition is progression.

3082

If trying to get somewhere, when first choice fails, do not refuse the second. If the bridge is gone, find a boat.

3083

Labor not to be called wise, but to increase knowledge.

3084

O ye that are idle, can ye not find some work to do that will entitle thee to be called the children of perpetual motion?

3085

Rock me gently, dear mother of Nature, that I fall not out of my cradle of experience and die young, for it is meant that I grow wise ere I depart.

3086

IF a traveler with a donkey meet a traveler without a donkey, he need not divide the donkey in twain nor dismount and walk. Let commonsense direct thy philanthropy, that all be benefited and none injured.

3087

Let the light of thine own countenance brighten some sorrowful visage.

3088

The strenuous life slays, therefore the strenuous life will have its day and be no more, for the man is greater than all else and must be saved.

3089

The benefits of giving increase with years.

3090

Double your speed when the devil is behind; slacken it when he is ahead.

3091

The little we know of God should make us modest about dogmatizing.

3092

The theft of thy goods is not so serious as the theft of thy character, yet in man's world the offense is meted a heavier punishment.

BOOK TWELVE

3093

HAT think ye of the man whose conception of God is this : A music-master with a gigantic choir and a song extending through all eternity? Or this: A magistrate sitting in judgment on the unfortunate, and a son in the capacity of an attorney? Or this: A monarch on a white throne, with countless attendants in waiting? Think ye not such pictures a mockery and a reviling of Divinity?

3094

Men must always grope, because ahead of them there is something unfamiliar.

3095

One may laugh every hour of the day and not grow weary, but one may not cry.

3096

Whoever gives thee a good thought is thy friend and helper though thou disdain.

3097

The rustling of conscience is the breathing of good within.

3098

I shall have found the supreme one when I shall have found first cause.

3099

The life that upholds thee upholds me—then why should there be contention, e'en though we see not with the same eye and think not with the same mind?

3100

Low instincts disregard rank and station. They appear everywhere.

3101

Be resigned to natural law, but struggle against men's infliction with all thy strength.

3102

A prince and a beggar have points in common: wanting much, bestowing little or nothing, and working not at all.

3103

We can not crowd down a brother or sister without crowding down ourselves. The very act lowers us perchance below their level.

3104

If thou hast an unkind thought in thy mind, it is cumbering it foolishly.

3105

Evolution does not confine its work to six days; having time, it labors toward perfection slowly.

3106

Truth never runs from man, but man runs from truth and is called devout.

3107

With righteous desire mingle expectancy.

3108

When there is patience there is forgiveness.

3109

The truth from any source—to go forth with this thought banishes prejudice and gives promise of a greater abundance.

3110

We say that a dog is intelligent, so say we of a man; but we say of a man that he is intellectual, but not so say we of a dog.

3111

Where there is scorn there is hatred.

3112

Caution is sometimes cowardice.

3113

The theologian can not interpret God. The infidel does not try, and this seems all the difference in them.

3114

THERE is no finality to customs: the usages of today are the conditions of tomorrow; the evolution of manners will in time lead to kindness, sincerity and refinement; and selfishness, deceit and veneer will belong to the vulgarity of the past.

3115

Labor to some definite end; thou mayest as well be idle as to run aimlessly.

3116

Confess your faults to yourself, that you may learn them by name and dismiss at will.

3117

Whenever there is friendship there is leniency; whenever there is jealousy there is distrust.

3118

Man is a fragment of God. He is not all spirit nor all matter: he is both, and it seemeth he must always be thus to express individuality.

3119

Wonderful are the secrets that Nature will reveal to him who pries.

3120

Fear no man's influence over thee—thou art strong to protect thyself.

3121

Reason is more precious than gold—yea, than fine gold—and more to be cherished.

3122

The littlest among men desires to be himself rather than another. Fortune he might exchange, but selfhood never.

3123

The beauty of life is perceived by the soul: the eye seeth but the wrapping.

3124

Love to live and live to love, for that is the law.

3125

Weakness cries for a savior; strength depends on itself.

3126

Tie thyself to no man's anchor; let out thine own cable and watch and wait for opportunity.

3127

Cherish hope. Love desire. They are helps that will buoy thee when the waters are deep.

3128

God help the insane! They inspire only pity and fear in man.

3129

The relation of matter to mind and mind to matter is unknowable. To say that all is mind is like saying that the seed is the apple.

3130

It is as easy to quarrel as it is to meet, but who sayeth it is good? Nay, it maketh of thee a very dragon's tooth.

3131

The thought that stayeth most with thee is shaping a cell for itself in thy physical brain.

3132

When thou goest a-fishing for ideas bring home only thine own catch.

3133

Thou must keep thyself above thy traducer if thou wouldst escape injury.

3134

If thy treasures are all of the material kind exchange a portion for the spiritual kind, for it is only of the latter that thou takest with thee to adorn thy new home.

3135

If thou puttest God in heaven thou must also in hell, for is He not in all and through all?

3136

AN idle knave may be served by a toiling fool, or an idle fool may be served by a toiling knave, but it were better that every man were justly employed and that idleness, ignorance and knavery were not.

3137

Go into the wildness to get that of which the town robs thee.

3138

Spurn a lie that the truth may be presented.

3139

The speech of a worthless fellow hath not breath to live.

3140

Find thy level and begin thy work. This is more profitable than floating above thy capacity without a foothold.

3141

Listen to a fool if thou choose, but remain firm if he would persuade thee to become one.

3142

A man should not change his morals with his coat unless he puts on a better one each time.

3143

Until thou art free from blemish be not boastful.

3144

To become serious is not to become wise. A man's manner conveys many a falsehood.

3145

Is not the righteousness of a Jew as pleasing as the righteousness of a Christian? Who dare preach that the life is not of more concern than the religion?

3146

The world is begging for strong men; of vain men and weaklings there are too many.

3147

Use candor with caution when at a loss for words.

3148

Methinks the wine of life will fill the cup of the future to overflowing and that men will drink of it great draughts that will make them stronger to search for the truth.

3149

Few love their enemies, but many pity them.

3150

Judge another as you would judge yourself and the judgment will be light.

3151

What hast thou done today to win merited praise, or even to receive the approbation of thine own soul?

3152

If you keep your own mind clean you will be too busy to look for dirt elsewhere. This ancient thought must be repeated countless times before it becomes a truth to the idler.

3153

Folly laughs loudest when it is most unchecked; but the gall and wormwood of the morrow it can not escape.

3154

Nimble thoughts may make a quiet tongue.

3155

The road to poverty is not more beset with danger than the road to wealth.

3156

Give me but a sip of love each day; never a full cup, lest I am surfeited.

3157

Recognize your blessings each day, but never name your troubles.

3158

The heart of selfishness is egotism.

3159

Suspense casts a shadow over the disk of hope.

3160

The willingness to die for one's country can only be excelled by the desire to live for it.

3161

The day will come when the dishonest man will look like a wart on the body politic, a disfiguring and unwanted thing.

3162

As speaks the tongue should speak the heart, but alas! there be many who fear to let their hearts be heard though the tongue roll in honey.

3163

The leaders of fashion—what are they but the slaves who dance for their master, the costumers?

3164

Take not refuge in weakness; if that be thine infirmity conquer it or die in the effort.

3165

As feeble as thou art, O man, thou art strong enough to rise if thou hast desire, even unto paradise.

3166

It is difficult to love ourselves enough to keep from doing wrong.

3167

No man need search for a fool until he has examined himself.

3168

The hindrance to real progress is greed.

3169

The track of destiny lies across every life.

3170

The greatest prophet is but a fallible man.

3171

THE great heart of Nature beats strong, and if thou wouldst be strong keep as close to her as thou canst when earning thy daily bread; be simple, be sincere, be honest, be faithful, and she will love thee well and keep thee longer on earth.

3172

Our chief executive: a man but not a ruler; a guide but not a master; serving but for a day to step aside that another may be given the honor to lead a free people onward.

3173

When a mind is centered on the great and immovable, how can it move nimbly with the flippant and temporal?

3174

A benevolent man does not squander, neither does he give to impoverish: he bestows to strengthen the hands of the needy.

3175

If thou perceivest a fault in thy friend's character help to conceal it until mended as thou wouldst a rent in a garment.

3176

Look ahead. The sunrise of tomorrow is more to thee than the sunset of yesterday.

3177

The way to lasting wealth is not through avarice but through generosity.

3178

Love thyself so much that thou canst not do wrong.

3179

Truth is ever triumphant whether or not error admits it.

3180

Our Nation! A land of luxury where the lowest may rise to enjoy the best and be accorded the place won by energy and ability.

3181

A human life is a patchwork of experience neatly or clumsily joined together.

3182

The mainstay of society is art.

3183

Would that we knew of God, that thou mightst tell me and I thee of Him, but we know nothing and are vain to pretend. We can only love and trust.

3184

If you are anxious to serve, strive for first place, but if you desire to rule it is unbecoming.

3185

The uproar of traffic disturbs the muse.

3186

The light of the world, the illumined mind.

3187

An abundance of knowledge makes rich the man.

3188

Sin is ignorance, ignorance is limitation; therefore to sin is to miss that which our birthright bequeaths.

3189

Principles elude the careless. It is only the careful searcher that discovers them.

3190

O imaginary hero, thou canst vanquish any foe in thy silent dialogues, but art thou not too frequently routed in real life to shout even in the chamber of thought?

3191

On what can my soul subsist? Not on imperfection and coarseness: it must have beauty or it droops. Give it but a lily or a rose and it layeth hold of God's hand and soars.

3192

Have courage to think and be assured that none but the selfish would prevent thee.

3193

In as much as we transgress the law in so much do we enslave ourselves.

3194

Vanity bids thee follow thy neighbor in his extravagance and display, but pride commands thee to stand as a rebuke to extravagance and ostentation.

3195

Better be slack in thy garb than in thy morals. The one may subject thee to jeers, but the other will bring thee to tears.

3196

If thou hast a counterpart in a star thou must soar to find it.

3197

Truly there must be many mansions for many souls. They could not all be housed together and harmony prevail.

3198

Thou shouldst not sing thy love-song as thou wouldst a war-chant, nor speak thy wooing as thou wouldst declaim verse. Thy tones must fit thy words or thy words will fail.

3199

There is no equality except that of spiritual and intellectual development.

3200

There is a little corner of society that longs only for that which is of lasting value. The big center fights for the ephemeral and is satisfied with clothes and small things that shame the soul.

3201

Throw a protecting arm about me, Great Savior of souls, that I turn in my orbit orderly and not drop from my place.

3202

If thou couldst compare thyself with an archangel of wisdom thou wouldst never again condemn.

3203

Never invite defeat by doubting.

3204

There are as many gods as there are men, and as no two men are alike there are no gods alike.

3205

Only great men love principles more than self.

3206

The sweetness of life is found most in kindness, one to another.

3207

Thy conscience is not mine nor mine thine. Consider this and be kind.

3208

The bitterest today is that which contains no hope for the tomorrow.

3209

The shining sea and the troublous brook are as truly witnesses of the oversoul as he who observes.

3210

Men and women despise themselves, else they could not do despicable things.

3211

If thou art prone to bemoan circumstances thou lackest time to better them.

3212

What know vain and foolish men of wisdom? Yet we permit them to rule us.

3213

When I fill my days with earthly things they lack, when I fill them with spiritual things they lack, but when I share and share alike they are full.

3214

The end of life is but the beginning. The portal of death is the entrance to larger understanding.

3215

Happiness is mine and it is thine, but we must look for it or it evades us.

3216

God loves all men alike, else He were not just; but all men do not love Him alike, hence the injustice.

3217

Begin thy reformation today by casting out prejudice.

3218

Thou mayest convince of wrong with love; thou canst not with hate.

3219

Be thou a star in thy community. Many stars light the path and fewer be lost.

3220

Hold to thy faith in immortality however much thou art buffeted by the thousand beliefs about thee.

3221

Let go of today when tomorrow comes, whether it be joy or weeping.

3222

Not duty before pleasure, but duty with pleasure, will make thy life of benefit to thee.

3223

They who jog along on the beaten track have an easier time than they who beat the bush for truth, but the latter know more of the country through which they are going.

3224

To have a clear mind keep a clear conscience.

3225

A vision of truth is a vision of love.

3226

Living is dying and dying is living: it is law and order.

3227

Life runs faster than most men can follow and run straight.

3228

If love rules thy life thou hast nothing to fear, but lust is the dragon that slays.

3229

If you have a hobby do not ride it to the injury of others.

3230

In proportion as pride increases do vanity and pettiness decrease.

3231

Make peace with thyself and thou art at peace with all.

3232

Science is continually lowering the walls of superstition and will eventually raze them to the ground.

3233

A nest of vipers in thy bosom is anger, malice and hatred, and they will sting thee to death if warmed therein.

3234

The imagination places God in a great light, the adversary in darkness.

3235

Purity sweetens life.

3236

If thou wouldst save thyself from degradation, turn from lust.

3237

A king is a man, a queen is a woman, raised not by God above other men and women by talent, choice or fitness.

3238

Tempt no man to fall, for that is thy shame.

3239

IF thou thinkest that happiness will come from external things, shut thyself with offensive companionship in a palace which art has perfectly adorned, and thou wilt declare that it is the spirit that must be satisfied rather than the eye.

3240

Worship not gold nor despise it: work for it and use it with wisdom.

3241

As glides the brook through the meadow, so glides thought through a tranquil mind. As rushes a cataract through the gorge, rushes confusion through a disturbed mind.

3242

It would seem that God is the kernel and man the husk.

3243

Music, voice or string, can ease thy suffering when thou findest the key.

3244

If the age of man be five times his growing time, behold the threescore and ten years is not middle age.

3245

If any one smile at thee nothing is gained by frowning.

3246

Lean on thyself and if thou fall thou canst not blame another.

3247

Some individuals thunder loud, but never strike.

3248

A man can find evil in the last place he is inclined to look for it. Sin lurketh in every heart.

3249

Cover thyself with glory—that is a brilliant robe—but seek it at the citadel of peace and not on bloody fields.

3250

Why rush through life? If you walk you will reach the end too soon to accomplish your work.

3251

Just a little ahead of mercy dwells justice.

3252

Turn a plant always with the same side to the window and observe the result and apply the lesson to thyself.

3253

Is immortal youth possible? Yea, as the flesh waxeth old, the spirit will reclothe itself in a more beautiful garment.

3254

Lamentable as it may appear to the theologian to have evolution sweep away his dogmas, let him be comforted—it relieves him of much quibbling.

3255

A man is not quick to grasp the truth when weighted with traditions.

3256

Evil, thy name is imperfection.

3257

Pardon an insult, but keep the lesson.

3258

Noble aspirations check ignoble desires and finally the soul outgrows them.

3259

A single thought of wrong is a scratch on the delicate surface of thy soul.

3260

Quick is adversity to point false friends.

3261

Hasten the day, O God, when all men shall be possessed of reason.

3262

Education is a mental candle, but one candle will not illumine all of the mind's chambers.

3263

Thought fills the very universe: the under worlds and the upper worlds are bathed in it. If a man catch the thought of the upper worlds it is well with him.

3264

Gossiping about yourself and others is the highway that common minds travel.

3265

Humanity knows nothing of Deity; yet it pretends and quarrels about its countless conceptions.

3266

That which is within easy reach does not gratify the ambitious.

3267

Ofttimes when God is ready man is not and so puts from himself a profound truth that would serve to carry him up a steep mountain of trouble.

BOOK THIRTEEN

3268

MAN can not conceive of God, and why should he try? He can only draw a colossal man-image and wonder that his caricature is not recognized by a brother whose understanding and veneration reach a higher plane. Perchance he may pray that his brother may be made to see through his little eye. Oh, the vanity of weak minds!

3269

Let facts be simply told if at all and refrain from adorning thyself with them.

3270

Be both merry and wise. Wisdom does not preclude mirth.

3271

The lust of gain and the love of man are forever separated.

3272

Boldly, as with an army behind thee, stand against the invasion of thy morality.

3273

The extreme of caution develops fear.

3274

Consider the beautiful and the true, to banish the ugly and the false.

3275

Rehearse virtues and faults will subside.

3276

Ye men and women of earth, if ye knew ye were building yourselves by your thoughts, would ye not change some of them?

3277

Sin lieth as much in too much faith as too little.

3278

It is not more dangerous to hover on the brink of adversity than to scale the wall of prosperity. Either state requires caution.

3279

Ten thousand men learn their lessons in ten thousand ways and in ten thousand varying lengths of time.

3280

Season thy speech with love even when thou utterest the sternest rebuke.

3281

Sarcasm is a sharp weapon, and he who uses it is most hurt.

3282

Ever hold a vision before thine eyes of better things to come: a cleaner heart, a brighter mind, a purer soul, and such temporal blessings that will make thy life an aid and not a hindrance to mankind.

3283

Fondle your faults and they will master you.

3284

If our hands were always filled with flowers we would cease to love them.

3285

If thou wilfully break thy promises thou art blackening thy character as none other can.

3286

The repose of an aroused consciousness differs much from the repose of a slumbering consciousness. One is thinking, the other is dreaming.

3287

Be kind to every living creature. This is cultivating love and compassion and will heal thee of many infirmities.

3288

Lack of love is a lack of God.

3289

The saints of earth are often the most persecuted, and the pioneers of more exalted thought the most misunderstood.

3290

A calm mind is a good health signal.

3291

Hold thyself against pessimism. Optimism is the blossom, pessimism the dead leaves of daily life.

3292

Filter thy thoughts before putting them into words.

3293

Oh, for a deep purse to do a great work, says unselfishness. Oh, for a deep purse for my gratification, says selfishness.

3294

The comfort of age is intellect.

3295

Belittle not the prattling babes of fashion; they are too small already, inasmuch as they are pleased with their existence.

3296

Not in the annals of history has it been possible for a man to avoid responsibilities and be remembered.

3297

A foretaste of heaven is right thinking.

3298

Write thine own bible and then compare it with others.

3299

Money is the solace of only the foolish.

3300

Labor for the truth — it will elate thee.

3301

No truth becomes yours until you can assimilate it.

3302

LET thy soul express itself, O man and O woman! Let it sing a glad song in the day, and let it chant by night! With pen and with brush let thy hand express thy visions and thy mouth utter thy intuitions! Rejoice and work! Work and rejoice!

3303

The news of today is history; tomorrow, therefore, man's duty to the future man is grave.

3304

Great writers are longer loved than great fighters.

3305

The law of life is love, but the transgressors are countless.

3306

A statesman without honesty of hand and purpose is a national assassin.

3307

Beauty lieth everywhere, but if one does not perceive it, one may deny it, and so deceive.

3308

The suicide tampers with God's plan and therefore meets suffering.

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Thou mayest purchase fine raiment for thy body, but thy naked soul thou must clothe by thine own labor.

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Sweeten life with compassion.

3311

Give us strength as of a mighty wall to stand against corruption in high places, and let every honest voice be raised in protest against pilfering from State moneys.

3312

If I am to live alway, my daily prayer is for more light; with more light I need not so much help.

3313

A ferocious temper indicates a weak will, for when the will is strong the temper is smooth.

3314

Thou canst not lift thy voice against any vice successfully unless thou art free from it.

3315

Get into the harness today and work: idleness is the foe of the republic.

3316

Give with a clean mind and a clean hand—then thy gift is not spoiled with a thought of gain.

3317

Hear thou my prayer and in kindness grant me truth, which is that for which I pray.

3318

God hath writ thy life with a clear hand across the starry firmament.

3319

They that strut are not exalted: 't is but their way of deceiving.

3320

A princely beggar and a beggarly prince is the exoteric church.

3321

No one knows better than the hermit the value of good company.

3322

Full deliverance from toil might make us indolent.

3323

Men travel far and wide to find the secret of happiness, but never return with it.

3324

The wicked prate more about injustice than the righteous; the slothful more about hard times than the provident.

3325

Those who duel are not admirable from any standpoint.

3326

To become great one must first be willing to become small.

3327

When one is with the intelligent, argument is not valueless; but when with the ignorant it is.

3328

To love flowers is not always to possess them. Alas! the true lover's hand may be denied a clasp of their beautiful forms and his eyes behold them only through the florist's window.

3329

Where one is merciful many are not, therefore misery abounds.

3330

When society becomes sufficiently intelligent it will become respectable.

3331

As rises the lark on a dewy morn, so does my spirit rise and sing.

3332

In imagination fly with me to the spheres where lust is not and love is.

3333

If people were immersed in pure love, crime would hide in shame, but while it laves in lust there is not hope.

3334

In the great day of thyself God will give thee a plainer view of thyself than of Himself.

3335

If God were a person He were not kind to permit so much misery; but if He is the spirit of growth the mortal mind can reason with clearness concerning many things.

3336

IN the watches of the night and in the midday no man is alone—not one. The eye of the Spirit is upon him ever. Yea, a thousand spirit eyes may witness his good and evil deeds and see them recorded on his soul.

3337

Folklore moves the world even unto this day.

3338

Girt thee about with moral cleanliness, for thou art at no time hid.

3339

Bestow a kind thought on every living creature if thou wouldst possess thy soul whole.

3340

The moment a soul feels the need of truth it will cast about for it.

3341

The equator is not nearer the center of the earth than God is near man.

3342

When meeting a stranger heed what thy soul tells thee of him.

3343

Past ages are lost to us: we see not back of our birth except through history.

3344

The sunset and the sunrise are beautiful phenomena, one suggesting activity and the other repose.

3345

The business of life is growing a soul, not for selfishness but for righteousness.

3346

The sighs and regrets that rise from the suicide's grave are like unto the tolling of many bells, making their coveted sleep a long and wakeful day of clanging discords.

3347

THE sun myths will always abide with us, because they contain so much of truth. Hence Christmas will ever be a day of rejoicing and giving, even as it was under another name with the peoples of most ancient nations.

3348

The temperate man may be the weak man. 'T is he of strong desires and controlling will that is the strong man.

3349

Society is an odd brew—the substance lying between the froth and the dregs.

3350

Popularity won with gold is scarce beyond contempt.

3351

With love pursue your work and it will not pursue you.

3352

To be tied to a bad habit is like having one's boat tied to a stake. Even with all sails set, there is no progress.

3353

The sea is a great mother: she has cradled souls since the beginning of man.

3354

Extreme virtue, like extreme vice, is hard of texture.

3355

The breathings of anger carry the poison of disease around and about.

3356

Be up and about thy work; be up and about thy play: lag not and thou wilt enjoy both.

3357

Your attitude toward the brute creation is your attitude toward God; because if you have not a care for His creatures, you have not true love for Him.

3358

WHEN we look at the lily and the rose and the fair bloom it is not alone the sense of sight and smell that is gratified; it is the spirit of the flower that addresses our spirit, making us lift our thoughts to the source which feedeth them and us with life.

3359

If gloom envelop thee thou art in the fog of wrong thinking and in danger of rocks and shoals.

3360

The truly good individual must be active. Inertia is not goodness.

3361

Say to no man that he is a fool because thou thinkest he is exercising a lesser degree of wisdom than thyself.

3362

The lessons of the day are many, but we neglect them.

3363

Fashion puts a yoke on every neck that bends to it.

3364

Life would be beautiful were it not ornamented with the non-essentials that make it tawdry.

3365

In trying to kill time man kills himself.

3366

If a man love to be good it is not so much to his credit as his pleasure that he is.

3367

The tree and the leaf, the bud and the bloom—all these in their unfoldment are helping God.

3368

The beauty of earth life is but a dim reflection of the surrounding spirit realm.

3369

I ASKED a flower one Summer morn,
Just after it was newly born,
Why it had sprung up from the soil
Into a world of death and toil.
" Why don't you know, O tearful one,
That I adore the blessed sun?
And every kiss he gives to me
Do I return that I may be."

3370

If you dally with a knave, yourself you may enslave.

3371

Man stands as it were in the center of his own circumference: the greater the man, the larger the circumference.

3372

Failure to gather gold is not a sin; failure to gather wisdom is.

3373

God hath a work for every soul upon earth. If it is neglected now it must be done later with less favorable conditions.

3374

Do not attempt to make of idiots, Christians, Mohammedans or Rationalists; be content to set them an example of righteous living and be kind.

3375

There be many whose lives appear like the dwarfed and twisted shrubs of Japan.

3376

Each church is fenced around and about with a creed which only serves to shut out the light and the people.

3377

Waft unto me clean thoughts, O winds of heaven, and blow from me those tainted with selfishness and unfair ways.

3378

IT seems passing strange that we of this time shall at some distant day be called an ancient people. We shall be pitied, laughed at and copied, but God forbid that our vices live longer than our virtues.

3379

Lamblike submission to environment was once a sign of piety, but progress calls it lack of energy.

3380

Seek the shelter of kinship when the world doubts thee: there must be one who will strengthen thy courage and say to thee, "Despair not."

3381

Vocation has much to do in shaping character and repressing naturalness.

3382

Pray that the hand of justice may not write against thee.

3383

Poverty when newly encountered hath a rougher edge for the virtuous than for the vicious.

3384

In order to be good a man may not have been bad.

3385

Pile not your woes upon another, even when requested and advised to do so. Stand erect and they will gradually fall off.

3386

Fear is the basest robber of mankind.

3387

Is the spectacle of a drunkard a hindrance to intemperance, or is the example a hindrance to temperance? The answer depends much on the standing of the man.

3388

Faith is a strengthener of patience.

3389

Every child should be taught that his name is a precious possession to guard; that he must carry it ever on a banner so high that all the world may see that it is not tarnished.

3390

Somewhere in the world there is sympathy and love for thee, though the spoken words may not reach thee in thy needful hour.

3391

A headless specter is less to be feared than a headless toiler.

3392

All that seemeth harsh is at last swallowed up in love.

3393

Thou who toucheth mine eyelids with sleep have a care for my soul on its nightly journey.

3394

Foremost amongst men is not he who boasts his righteousness, but he who doubts it.

3395

The highest point in life is the highest consciousness.

BOOK FOURTEEN

3396

THE soul is like a mirror; upon it is reflected every act of the body, whether it be good or evil, wise or foolish. These reflections make up the book of life, and we have reason to think the exhibit may cause us shame and confusion when the leaves are turned in the great day of our demise to ascertain our rightful place in the abode of souls.

3397

Feed the hungry, even if they be ungrateful not in numbers but singly. Turn no opportunity from thee to be of service, for that is a measure of good that is intended for thee.

3398

Thy language, O flower, is thy fragrance; thy color is thy song.

3399

The seedtime is now and so is the harvest: sowing and reaping is daily work.

3400

Oh, the misery of the criminal, for whether he knows it or not he has missed happiness.

3401

The road to freedom is upward and the way to slavery downward. When this thought is filed in the mind men will begin their own reformation.

3402

We prize the beauty of the rose today because it fades tomorrow.

3403

The haste with which we judge makes us fallible.

3404

The finding of riches is the finding of thyself.

3405

IT were said of a scholar that he knew so much that his brain was too hard pressed to be useful, and it sometimes happens that such men can not turn around without spilling an idea that the empty head appropriates and applies without gratitude, acknowledgment or apology.

3406

Let thy daily prayer be peace, and with peace will come harmony and with harmony health.

3407

A nimrod is an anomaly. 'T is woman's place to nourish and not to slay.

3408

Love will bring to thee both joy and sorrow, but it is divine and at last will overcome sorrow and leave thee only joy.

3409

A rhapsody—when the mind and the heart are in harmony with the rhythmic universe.

3410

How tender the love of God! He knoweth the tiniest need and bends to it; He heedeth the cry of the atom and succoreth it.

3411

To dwell too much on the cost of things is not to enjoy them.

3412

He that resorteth to unfair means, that falleth into a rage, that sayeth falsely, measureth himself publicly.

3413

If thou fearest either man or beast, thou makest them to hate thee.

3414

What a mean little thing is a lie, but like the gnat it can sting. Yea, a lie is the gnat that stings the very soul.

3415

If Summer hath its lovers, so hath Winter. Love is never absent.

3416

Economy is wise use of that which thou hast; it is not penuriousness.

3417

When Cupid is controlled by commercialism he will not long attend.

3418

Ten thousand fools can not equal one wise man, but alas, when will the fools learn this and become wise!

3419

Heed not man's prattle, but give ear when he speaketh truth.

3420

If thou wouldst be well think well.

3421

War is in defiance of higher law, and the spectacle makes a vale of tears.

3422

Be not swayed by impulse: wait till thy reason speaks.

3423

As the sweat of the slave has dripped in the cane-brakes, so in degree to their intelligence do all men suffer who toil only with their hands. It is the mind alone that elevates.

3424

To touch sin but lightly scars thy memory.

3425

An evil deed can be hid from the physical eye, but not from the spiritual eye. Yea, that seeth clearer and never closes.

3426

There is poetry in every heart, though rhymes may never be.

3427

THE public does not think or care so much about a man's antecedents as about him. Knowing this it were wiser to look to himself for his glory than to hang onto the coat-tail of his grandfather.

3428

The universe is quivering thought.

3429

Abundant faith increases happiness.

3430

If the primitive man were to meet the modern what could he claim?

3431

The best end of a bargain is the honest end.

3432

The heat of battle is the cold of death.

3433

There be many whose whole lives are a-hunger for instruction and yet they are denied time to appease it.

3434

Listen! If thou art silent thou canst hear the Lord in the garden of thy soul. Breathe not and He will speak.

3435

The majesty of divine law inspires me to obey.

3436

Love is God.

3437

Wait patiently for good and expect it.

3438

The universe is man's home.

3439

Be not submerged by floating opinions; keep thy individuality. It is God's gift to thee and not to be lost.

3440

God is speaking, says observation; God hath spoken, says theology.

3441

What art thou seeking, O man, in the sewers of life?

3442

Keep a mental scout out that not a harmful thought enter thy domain.

3443

Illiterate men may be soul wise.

3444

That which springeth up by the wayside we do not admire and pass it by. It is our ideal that we most love.

3445

At the end poverty is as kind as wealth.

3446

Wisdom is for thee if thou dost seek diligently; but it cometh not without persistent invitation.

3447

Though nations perish I am.

3448

The love-songs of the spheres are sweet to the attuned ear.

3449

My strength increaseth with knowledge.

3450

There lieth at the bottom of all living trouble a foundation of selfishness.

3451

Compassion weeps whilst cruelty laughs.

3452

Man is folded in the wings of Divine love.

3453

The measure of a man is himself.

3454

That which proceedeth from thy soul is divine and should be reverenced.

3455

The theater of life is one's own consciousness: there all the comedy and tragedy is played to the *I am* who applauds merit and deplores failures.

3456

Work and health are inseparable; this should be repeated until the world believes it.

3457

Love never fades nor dies—it is divine—its counterfeit may—that is human.

3458

A man may walk in the church all the days of his life and be far from God, and a man may walk with God all the days of his life and be far from the church.

3459

The universe sings with a sweet voice, Life is love and love is life.

3460

If occasion require thee to express an opinion, do not proclaim it truth.

3461

The span of time from youth to age is not a second of the eternity man has entered.

3462

The problems that confront us are sky-high, therefore we must look upward if we would compass them.

3463

The homing instinct is so strong in man that it makes nations and saves them.

3464

Out of the remnants of the past do we try to piece a modern garment, but the seams and the rents will show.

3465

If I shall see God in my flesh I must have perfect health.

3466

The flower speaks its love through its fragrance.

3467

When we image beauty we shall have less ugliness.

3468

Bungling thought brings doubts and fears.

3469

Man's destiny is Godward.

3470

Every man is a miniature world revolving on its own axis.

3471

Thou canst not kindle love with a frown nor warm the heart with a cold word.

3472

The sweet breath of the violet telleth me of its divinity.

3473

He that aspires must rise. He that aspires not must fall.

3474

The sincerity and purity of your soul establish your place in life.

3475

Annihilate hate with love.

3476

The literature of your own time is more needful to thee than the literature of a past age. If thou canst have but one, take the present and forego that of past generations.

3477

If thou hast not enough love for all of God's creatures thou art lacking.

3478

If thy soul shine thou hast light to see thy way.

3479

Jealousy confines its attacks to superiority.

3480

He that breaketh a law but mars his life.

3481

No thought is profane that makes for truth.

3482

The thing that best pleases thee, occasionally do without. It is discipline that overcomes disappointment and trains the will, and the having or not having will be non-essential.

3483

Lay not so much stress on your nearness to God as on your kinship.

3484

Behind the shadows of life stands radiant love.

3485

All men are immersed in God's fountain of life to be cleansed.

3486

If we would image heaven instead of hell we would escape the latter.

3487

Freedom is the right to think and the right to express thought.

3488

I am traveling toward God with joy and thanksgiving.

3489

Tenderness is a hero's prompter.

3490

To be secretive is not always wiser than to be communicative.

3491

DO not try to live your friend's life : live your own, however much you be persuaded to ape another, and free it from evil in your own way and according to the light that shines within your own soul. This gives you strength and your light increaseth.

3492

New glimpses of truth are every whit as precious as ancient visions, and yet moderns are too prone to venerate the old and repudiate the new.

3493

The force of a word is not so much in itself as in the speaker, and every utterer of the same carryeth a difference of meaning.

3494

Let me but gain one clean, clear thought a day and I must grow rich.

3495

Nothing keeps me from holiness but ignorance, whether I be Pagan or Christian.

3496

Strange it is that men look for God ahead of them and behind them and seldom beside them.

3497

If thou livest truly, thou livest ideally. If thou livest falsely, thou livest meanly. Thy soul knoweth that this is true.

3498

A fair and promising day may end in a night of woe. Therefore boast not and be kind.

3499

Small lids will not cover large caldrons. Remember this, O ye priests, when the truth begins to bubble.

3500

The fool's experience is the wise man's lesson.

3501

God's only crown is Love, and so crowns He all men if they will.

3502

Give me truth if it banish every creed that is or ever has been.

3503

Manifold blessings follow the just and the unjust. God loveth all men, but if man loveth not so much himself as to be worthy his blessings they are as a curse to him.

3504

Simplicity carries the key of true art.

3505

That no evil thought enter, write over the door of thy heart, " Be thou pure."

3506

A big head may be an empty one.

3507

Experience is of no value if forgotten.

3508

If God be love preach no longer hell.

3509

When one smites thy heart-strings with discord turn away.

3510

Keen humor is the whetstone of clever debate.

3511

The more said about freedom the better will men understand that it is not solely the following of personal inclination but the study of the collective good.

3512

Great minds love simplicity as much as small minds love ado.

3513

Shout your diseases, if you must, but not in company.

3514

Though men are quickest moved to anger by trifles, so are they moved to tears.

3515

Youth rushes not to destruction with more alacrity than maturity.

3516

We shall have peace when we have universal understanding.

3517

It is easy to die, because we know not how to live; but by living is not meant breathing.

3518

Unbidden thoughts like wild flowers leap from the soil without our help.

3519

If thou hast occupied the guest-chamber, go not forth with a flapping tongue to greet the curious.

3520

The musician is a painter, and to the mind is revealed the tone picture.

3521

Refinement is a jewel worn by the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the lettered and the unlettered, and yet it is not so common as to be undervalued.

3522

Look not upon evil things with an evil thought.

3523

The sweetness of life depends as much upon the viewpoint as upon environment.

3524

No man loves misery, and yet he ofttimes seeks it eagerly.

3525

Little heed should be given a falsehood and it will vanish, but with notice it will persecute thee by day and affright thee by night.

3526

Not a man upon earth expects to lose his soul, and he is wise in so thinking; but what he may suffer through wrong living may make him desire annihilation before he is cleansed of his infirmities.

3527

Look not in thy neighbor's mind for filth nor yet in thine own; look only for cleanly thoughts and thou wilt surely find them.

3528

The pride of the rich and the pride of the poor vary neither in quality nor in degree when it rests on principle; but vanity may have a thousand quirks in a thousand people.

3529

If criminals were as fearless to do right as to do wrong greatness would be theirs.

3530

The lesson of the flowers is that they do the best they can.

3531

Ingratitude beclouds the mind.

3532

When a man looks through the windows of his soul he seeth things in a new light.

3533

Beware of the idle: they will rob thee of time.

3534

Repine not; there is more to gain than thou hast lost.

3535

Purity becometh both man and woman, the one not more than the other when the sight is perfect.

3536

BY running brooks and shady nooks and in the majestic forest is the sacred stillness marred by profanity and vulgarity of speech where it would seem as if no thought save that of reverence and admiration could be admitted to man's company.

3537

It is not difficult to attach meanings to ancient figures of speech, but it is most difficult to attach the original one.

3538

Many advocate honesty, but by their lives ye shall know them whether they speak from conviction or deception.

3539

It is no longer necessary to hide truth in riddles. It can be spoken without deluging the land with blood, and we thank thee, O God, and men.

3540

When thoughtlessness wounds to the quick, deep love murmurs not.

3541

When the candle burns low in the socket of this life one is being lighted in the next.

3542

How often is the unattainable sneered at by inferiority!

3543

See thyself not as thou art, but without blemish, as this will tend to beautify.

3544

Science is plain and exact. It says what it means and means what it says, but theology delights in confusion of tongues.

3545

It were foolish to say that this planet hath received more of truth than another.

3546

THOU canst not entertain an ideal too lofty to attain in time, and when that which thou comprehendest today has been reached thou canst see a loftier to which thou canst climb with greater ease tomorrow, and on through the eons of time this will be thy joyful task.

3547

Heaven is so small it can be found within itself.

3548

He who hath ears to hear does hear.

3549

Mysticism is not for this age, and the least use made of it the swifter will be the mark toward mental freedom.

3550

Plead not poverty in extenuation of wrongdoing. The rich are as great rascals as the poor. It is a lack of commonsense that makes rogues.

3551

Why lead thyself downward if thou desirest either love or respect?

3552

Simplicity is the need of the hour; complexity an evil of society.

3553

The laborer bemoans the situation that he maketh for himself through his ignorance.

3554

If you would have the world free from mummery, repeat the old thought less and give the new more consideration.

3555

Because a superstition is venerable, is that a reason it is desirable? Do you admire senility more than perspicuity?

3556

THE finding of a life companion should be the most serious occupation of young men and maidens, whereas too much is left to chance and mammon, therefore the matrimonial yoke is galling when two odd creatures pull two ways.

3557

Blessed is the peacemaker except when principle is sacrificed to gain it.

3558

Ethics are not veiled in mysticism. 'T is superstition that needs concealing.

3559

In fulness of time the earth is prepared for fulness of thought.

3560

Spite can not escape its own blow: though aimed at another, it wounds itself.

3561

Pay your debts and escape wrath, for as surely as a man liveth he must be honest or suffer.

3562

'T is in vain that we plead for wisdom if we do not seek it.

3563

Verily, saith wisdom, ignorance is a weakling, not knowing how to care for itself.

5364

Ninety-nine times, if need be, refuse an invitation to debauch thyself, and the hundredth invitation will not be so bold of approach.

3565

Lament not over the dead: they have taken a step in progression.

3566

Give praise for every chastisement if it increaseth thy understanding.

3567

Intelligence cares less for display than ignorance.

3568

There is a difference between stubborness and firmness not always perceived.

3569

Man must work hard for science, but religions are for the asking.

3570

Nature does not rob her children of her possessions; they rob one another.

3571

Everywhere there are evidences of life which declare there is no death.

3572

One can do right and not act at all like one's teacher.

BOOK FIFTEEN

3573

HE hand of evolution is writing in letters of fire on the mountain-sides; in their craters are held the lives of countless men and women who pray in vain for a few more days upon earth ere they are licked up and cast out. We must reason that all is well and that which seemeth a tragedy is Divine law working in a world of blind folk.

3574

If God is no respector of persons He loves the sinner as well as He loves the righteous. The love is lacking on man's side.

3575

A touch of sorrow makes thee more loved.

3576

In natural history who ever heard of a wise snake, and why should the serpent be continued as the symbol of wisdom in these days of understanding?

3577

Regret not, but be forewarned.

3578

The fealty of the few holds the many true.

3579

The extreme of vulgarity is unkindness, which is one of the many names of ignorance.

3580

Away with all desire that would lower.

3581

Control circumstances to control destiny.

3582

Go not about with lines of despondency writ on thy face to becloud hope, which is the great life-giver.

3583

IF men would build their characters with as much forethought and care as they build their dwelling-houses, the general average of mankind would be raised to the point where wrongdoers would be too conspicuous to be comfortable.

3584

Ye men and women of earth, 't is time ye sang with a loud voice of cleanliness of mind and purity of body.

3585

In vain would I seek of men their religion, did I wish to acquaint myself with their true natures.

3586

Life is so wondrous and so beautiful, pity 't is that more do not enjoy it instead of wasting it.

3587

Pure reason must be God's torch, the light of which man hath not yet seen.

3588

Today religion must square with science or it is bound to pass away.

3589

Harmony is thine if thou canst find it on the key-board of life.

3590

Listen to a story long when it hath a pleasing song; but when falls a word of spite, then the tale thy mind will blight.

3591

No one should care what becomes of opinions, but every one should care what becomes of truth.

3592

Reason and intuition—the light of the world.

3593

Finally, brethren, cease to argue about your creeds and mend you your ways.

3594

THE romantic ideas of youth are realized where men and women grow spiritual with increase of years. To remain young the spirit must animate the life and the body be in subjection to it. Satiety is then unknown.

3595

When thou seest only the good in another thou art seeing God.

3596

Work, thou sluggard; work, thou prince, or evil will overtake and devour thee.

3597

A clean mind is like a lamp in a dark place.

3598

When thou hast learned a lesson in the morning of the day write it in the evening thereof. If thou hast no longer need of it the world may have.

3599

The fruit of life is gathered at its close.

3600

A rich man is a pauper unless he possesses knowledge. Gold and silver he must leave, but knowledge is his forever.

3601

Honesty is commonsense and common decency.

3602

Liberty is for the patriot. The traitor knows neither its value nor its use.

3603

Danger lurketh in the darkness of ignorance.

3604

Sincerity dwells in the light of truth.

3605

Adversity is assisted by the staff of patience.

3606

HIGH up in a tree swings a little bird. Low down on the ground stands a man with a gun. Would it not seem that the man should be content with his superiority without killing the little songster?

3607

Ingratitude is a coiled serpent that would bury its fangs in any philanthropist that crosses its way.

3608

Dishonesty is the freak of a madman and the part of a fool. It slayeth justice and raiseth its hand against its own life.

3609

Good conduct is supported by good companions.

3610

Love lingereth long where hatred entereth not.

3611

Hatred is like a bad tenant. It ruins the house wherein it lives.

3612

Jealousy, like a bleating sheep, disturbs the quiet of the whole flock.

3613

Power is the rightful possession of him who knows how to use it.

3614

A tattler is like a cackling hen—everybody knows when an egg is laid.

3615

Evil minds are quick to detect flaws.

3616

A vicious tongue is a moral nuisance, and a meddler a public offense.

3617

A gracious manner is a cooling shade on the scorching plains of argument.

3618

An empty mind is like an empty barn. The wind blows through the cracks and thought starves at the manger.

3619

Righteous anger is the twin brother of hatred howbeit one may deny the relationship.

3620

Egotism, like a barren fig-tree, spreads itself uncommonly.

3621

He absolutely fails who forgets his neighbor in exalting himself.

3622

The head and heart of the miser wherein he crowds his gold has no room for the treasures of heaven.

3623

Indolence hath no part in the rewards of merit.

3624

Justice is the problem of the universe, and wise will he be who solves it.

3625

Activity is the life of the spirit.

3626

Greatness when thrust upon small men makes their defects more apparent than their virtues.

3627

Refinement is a sensitive plant that thrives best in its native soil.

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Progress is the journey of the soul.

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Poverty, though the companion of want, need not consort with vice.

3630

Riches should not forget that poverty was its ancestor.

3631
Gratitude is an oasis on the Sahara of existence.

3632
Avarice is akin to dishonesty.

3633
A degrading thought is the open door to sin.

3634
Refinement and vulgarity are odious to each other and refuse to be neighborly.

3635
Happy is he who is sufficiently respectful to deal honorably with himself, and thrice happy he who dwells in purity and cleanliness.

3636
Hope is the anchor that keeps the ship from stranding on the sands of despair.

3637
Ambition is the bud and success the blossom.

3638
Hypocrisy is the knave's part in both the comedies and tragedies of life.

3639
Obedience is wise when demanded by virtue.

3640
Egotism, like a vain bird, exhibits its plumage with conspicuous pleasure.

3641
Contention is the fool's part in the domestic drama.

3642
Humility is a virtue only when it concedes to wisdom.

3643
The uncomplaint of those who in the exercise of their benevolence are trespassed upon is fortitude.

3644

Antagonism is jubilant when two minds move in opposite directions.

3645

Ferocity is the result of much snarling.

3646

When the heavenly dew of sympathy falls upon adversity it revives like a drooping plant.

3647

Constancy is a crown jewel of wedlock and forbearance its golden setting.

3648

Where there is godliness, there is work.

3649

When there is love, passion speedily leaves. Thus its presence is of short duration and its departure a blessing.

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Pure is music until defiled by words.

3651

Let the soul teach the body and let the body obey the soul.

3652

Contentment is the result of much thought or of none.

3653

When there is wisdom foolishness hath no room.

3654

Anger is the play of imbecility and altogether unbecoming intelligence.

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Honor is the applause of conscience.

3656

Be wise in time to save the humiliation of a fall.

3657

Innocence is despoiled by the cunning of covetousness.

3658

Slothfulness is the king of poverty, and want and misery its abject subjects.

3659

Hold a candle to your own thoughts every time you examine another's.

3660

When there is a high thought a baser is not easily entertained.

3661

Patience is the part of a philosopher.

3662

Charity consisteth not so much in the giving of alms as of love and sympathy.

3663

Distinguished is he that walketh with a clean mind.

3664

Strength comes with calmness, languor with confusion.

3665

A soul is like a seed—its growth depends on its soil.

3666

A beautiful mind is the blossom of love, and a blasted life the product of lust.

3667

Broken promises are shipwrecks on life's ocean.

3668

Impertinence is the delight of inferiority.

3669

Despair is the outcome of impurity.

3670

He who lighteth his own torch and goeth forth stumbleth less than he who gropes without light amongst the creeds and dogmas that have been left in the way.

3671

Somewhere in the inner mind of man there is a thought receptacle. Open it often and if thou perceivest a truth press it to thy lips until they proclaim it.

3672

A revelation cometh to him who asks.

3673

Wear on thy bosom the white flower of immortality.

3674

Desire is the hidden prompter of both good and evil.

3675

Loquacity is an art to conceal ignorance.

3676

If a noble act brings its own reward, a brutal act brings its own punishment.

3677

Conceit is a heavy burden to carry up the hill of life.

3678

Utility is the handmaiden of the provident.

3679

Wastefulness is the servant of want.

3680

Vanity is the footman that admits extravagance.

3681

Sobriety bears a message for all.

3682

A merry tune shorteneth the hours and maketh the feet to dance, but a dirge maketh slow the step and covereth the green earth with a pall. So with a witty tongue and a tale of woe.

3683

Contemplation is the handbook of eternity.

3684

Procrastination is a bold robber attacking all people.

3685

Scorn is begotten of neglect.

3686

Harmony is the sounding of two or more notes that accord, and this is as true of the mental as of the musical scale.

3687

The chicken hatched in your neighbor's yard is of less profit to you than the one hatched within your own enclosure. Therefore, it is wiser to set your own hen than to regard your neighbor's luck.

3688

Whoso thirsteth for knowledge may drink at the spring of truth, the source of the great river of science.

3689

All beautiful objects are a feast to the eye and a joy to the beholder; but beauty that depends on external expression is only veneer, the interior being of common stuff.

3690

Sorrow is the follower of rashness.

3691

Quality of mind is like quality of cloth—the stronger it is the better it wears.

3692

True heroism is the sacrifice for the welfare of others.

3693

A brave man is he who risks reputation in defense of an unpopular cause, and a hero is he who falls in the ranks of truth.

3694

He who loves justice loves God and his neighbor as himself.

3695

A prudent man neither agrees with a fool nor strives to convince a maniac.

3696

Priestcraft is of the earth earthy, for the aspirations of man can not be held within a creed, neither can the whole truth be contained in a volume.

3697

A beautiful thought is a fragment of divinity.

3698

Felicity is the inheritance of virtue.

3699

Indulgence in wrongdoing is piling high the fagots with which to burn the body.

3700

A creed is a strong jailer that locks the mind in a dungeon.

3701

Nature loves those children most who best obey her.

3702

Violent opposition creates hostility, but mild persuasion overcometh much.

3703

A wise father tempereth his words to the offense, and the son heareth; but anger driveth away reason and blindeth the son, who goeth forth to lose his way.

3704

What shall be said of a man who loveth strong drink more than dignity and burieth his head in the dust like the silly ostrich!

3705

Egotism, like a clam in the mud, exposes itself by protruding its little head.

3706

Lasting beauty is the outgrowth of wisdom.

3707

WHAT a beautiful world this would be in which to live were every man as mindful of his own as of his brother's offenses! What a delightful habitation every house were the occupants tuned to the same pitch!

3708

A fool goeth forth to kill, but a prudent man sitteth within his conscience.

3709

Whoso loveth hath God within; whoso hateth turneth God out.

3710

Indifferent becomes he who constantly hears the voice of complaint.

3711

To the novice a forbidden pleasure presents more gilding than an offered duty, but the connoisseur is not deceived.

3712

Vengeance is the cruel lash of the tyrant.

3713

Obedience to a principle is obedience to God within.

3714

Labor, both mental and physical, is the straightest road to health and happiness.

3715

Ecstacy is the overflow of the soul.

3716

Necessity is the plebeian ancestor of ambition.

3717

Slights are never given by those who possess something better to offer.

3718

He who lives in the din of discord can not hear the whisperings of the soul.

3719

How truly great is he who loveth truth more than riches.

3720

He that preferreth a clean hand to a fat purse is beloved of God.

3721

He that lingereth in sin lingereth in sorrow.

3722

Kindness is the keynote of charity.

3723

Humor is the leaven that maketh light the dough of life.

3724

Despondency chains the mind to an iron ring in the wall of despair.

3725

Mirth plays with the sunbeams of life.

3726

In the morning and the evening of life man draws very near to God; but in the midday He is oft forgot.

3727

Thoughtfulness of others is a beautiful walk along the bypaths of heaven, where the flowers bloom and overhang the way and whose fragrance is everlasting.

3728

The imagery of the mind is a flashlight of hidden realities.

3729

Memory is the gift of the ages.

3730

Nature loves most the inquisitive student, and to him will she reveal her secret thoughts and intents. He may question her at any time, for she is always in humor to answer.

3731

PRIDE of birth and pride of station have no stronger foundation than tradition; but he whose pride raises him above meanness has a foundation that the rich and the poor might envy and that neither time nor eternity can weaken.

3732

Sublimity surrounds deity in the mind of him who contemplates the majesty of the rolling worlds of space.

3733

He who raises the curtain of futurity and looks with natural vision, beholds heaven as a fair land where each soul is accorded justice and obtains that employment for which he has special aptitude.

3734

Adoration of truth is adoration of God.

3735

Courage is needed in all walks of life, but particularly is it required when the pocketbook is depleted and the public comment on the fact.

3736

An evil thought is a low companion.

3737

Fidelity is the companion of truth.

3738

A shallow mind is, like a shallow pool, easily fathomed.

3739

A bright intellect illumines its surroundings.

3740

A wicked saint is an anomaly sometimes found within the shades of ecclesiasticism.

3741

Tolerance and benevolence, the logos of true religion.

3742

The latitude and longitude of earth's voyage are marked on the chart of human experience.

3743

Indecision invites defeat.

3744

Little by little we learn the commands of God which are transcribed on the tablets of Nature.

3745

Profane is the thought that pictures a personal God in the image of man.

3746

Mathematics draws the mind into the vast spaces, where it wanders and wanders and is lost.

3747

Independence of thought is a tonic for the intellect.

3748

Cultivate thy will and thereby strengthen thy morals.

3749

He who evades justice by hiding behind a feeble technicality is unworthy the generous gift of franchise.

3750

Labor is not degrading to the soul, but where there is false pride it inflicts severe punishment.

3751

Integrity is a portion of the very Godhead, and he who betrays a trust defrauds the Most High.

3752

Friendship is slow to rebuke, but swift to defend.

3753

He who is most liberal with advice most despises it.

3754

Remorse is the night of a wasted day.

3755

Mathematics endeavors to measure space, but no line of figures can approach the Infinite.

3756

Indulgence in evil fosters habits that usurp the kingdom of heaven within.

3757

Each one who asks the way to happiness is given a different direction by the world, therefore there is safety only in following the guide-post of duty.

3758

Religion and society run a neck-and-neck race for first place.

3759

Drollery is the spice of homely fare.

3760

Gigantic feet can be encased in infant shoes with less difficulty than gigantic minds can wear the swaddling-clothes of superstition.

3761

A stainless life is a patent of nobility worn by few.

3762

Give us this day our daily bread, saith the suppliant man. I will earn my daily bread, saith the just man.

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3763

HY life is thine own only inasmuch as thou canst live it without the aid of another. Verily this is an impossibility, from the straw upon thy head to the leather under thy feet, from the printed page to the spoken word. Thou art a sharer of each and every one who contributes to thy well-being. Therefore thy life belongs to the whole; all men are partners in the fulness of the earth.

3764

Fear loss of social position that is maintained by dishonor—the fall is great. Honor is the only safe foundation upon which to rest confidently.

3765

Be thankful for the diversity of religions. The many permit growth.

3766

The lighthouses on the rocks of time are the facts of science.

3767

All honor be to him who unearths a truth.

3768

From the phoenix of intolerance arises cruelty.

3769

Regret is the shadow of yesterday.

3770

As a woodsman blazes the trees to mark his way, so does a man of science mark the way for those who follow.

3771

A betrayer is a thief who robs the innocent.

3772

A generous man is a doer of the Lord's work.

3773

THINKEST thou that art stands aloof? Nay, it cometh as close to every-day life as mortal will permit. It is the chiseled marble or the blooming plant in the broken window-pane. It is beauty expressed in ten thousand ways. It is a touch of God's finger on things mundane.

3774

A profound thinker labors more for others than for self, as the many have the benefit of his toil and are not asked to share the fatigue.

3775

A rounded-out day is a link in the chain of existence, and many links make the years that carry us onward toward perfection.

3776

Frequently a nimble foot serves better than a nimble tongue, as the former can run from the latter when occasion requires.

3777

Liberty sits contentedly in the easy chair of independence.

3778

Authority in the hands of ignorance is the avalanche that buries the people.

3779

Happiness dependent solely on external things is doomed to chilling rebuffs and bitter hours.

3780

Loneliness is the moment of parting with virtue.

3781

Both the rich and the poor rub on the washboard of experience.

3782

We must not invite trouble unless willing to entertain it, as the most informal invitation is always promptly accepted.

3783

SELF-CONTROL is the citadel of the soul wherein is seated the Great King I upon the throne of dignity. When the monarch is disturbed, his little kingdom quakes and is threatened with destruction. When he reigns supreme, his life is an idyl of serenity.

3784

Faultfinding is the creaking hinge of the domestic door.

3785

Perversity is the law of fools.

3786

Much ado about religion is worse than no religion.

3787

A fop boasts close acquaintance with the tailor's goose.

3788

A lack of tact is a lack of an essential ingredient of fashionable society, and woe is he who has it not, desire he to become a leading actor in the amusing farce.

3789

A libertine is a destroyer of God's frailest buds, and there is naught but destruction in his path.

3790

A fortune is gained by him who waits for the fickle jade to smile, and is as quickly lost when she frowns.

3791

There is danger that an overabundance of worldly wealth makes the soul a dry place and the heart becomes hardened in the burning heat of selfishness.

3792

When the sun rises in the North and sets in the South, then may a gilded fool be called a sage and a liberal cheat an honest man.

3793

A good name is frequently worn over a corrupt heart.

3794

The bad, oftener than the good, desire authority.

3795

A clear conscience shines through the face of him who perceiveth his duty and doeth it.

3796

He who repines runs backward.

3797

Bigotry and ecclesiasticism are churchyard playfellows.

3798

The ancestry of thoughts can be traced as the ancestry of men.

3799

A good reputation can not be gained by bad practises.

3800

Nothing so mars beauty as the reflection of vanity.

3801

A sweet temper is like the fragrance of a June morn; an ugly temper a chill November blast.

3802

Each lily of the field is clothed with a beauty of its own, and so is each soul that God attends.

3803

Policy is the stepping-stone to popularity, and popularity is the steed that wins the political race.

3804

Gallantry seeks attention and finds it quickly.

3805

Avarice is an ugly weed, and where it thrives best naught else will grow.

3806

Observation is the headlight of youth and age.

3807

Cupid assumes various disguises when he roams amongst the fair; but when he seeks a bride he invariably dons the armor of a Knight of Honor.

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A hint is a pin-thrust which leaves a sting.

3809

A keen sword maketh a deep wound; so doth a sharp word lacerate love.

3810

What more comely than age adorned with wisdom, and what more gladsome than youth gathering the fruits of knowledge?

3811

A cobbler can patch a shoe, but he can not mend a broken foot. A priest may patch grief, but he can not mend a broken heart.

3812

When a soul is encased in the steel of selfishness, how can it grow?

3813

Be ashamed of idleness; it bespeaks thee ignorant of the intent of life.

3814

The rich and the poor race on parallel tracks, and death is the prize of the winner.

3815

That forethought is preferable to afterthought can not too often be writ.

3816

The face of Divinity is concealed behind the veil of Nature, and whosoever raiseth it beholds loveliness, wisdom and eternal youth.

3817

Where justice leaves off, generosity may begin.

3818

While perverseness is barring the door against reason, danger crawls in at the window.

3819

Fatigue is the ready companion of labor whenever labor strays from love.

3820

A knowledge of the minute things of life prepares one for the great facts of eternity.

3821

Dissipation is the idiotic pastime of simpletons.

3822

Where there is moral weakness, there is not power.

3823

Failure may not be attributed more to circumstances than to inclination.

3824

Intellect is the product of toil, and the increase belongs to the toiler.

3825

Undiluted frankness is not commendable in social intercourse if one craves popularity.

3826

The human face is homely only when allied with a repulsive character.

3827

Application is the lower rung of the ladder of fame.

3828

A spendthrift invariably stands with his back to the future.

3829

One can forgive the candor of a friend, but not so readily that of an enemy.

3830

Silence is the soliloquy of him who walks unattended through the garden of thought.

3831

Unseen is the hand that engraves the memory.

3832

From the womb of tolerance leaps progress.

3833

A brawler is like a swollen stream, ever and anon leaping its banks and doing some damage.

3834

Cruelty is an instrument of torture in the hands of sin.

3835

Though intemperance affect pleasantry it can not disguise its ugly character.

3836

Death is the long-expected guest who is received with tears by all but one.

3837

An unreasoning mind, like a contrary animal, invites the lash of discipline.

3838

The destiny of man is written by the finger of evolution on the wall of time.

3839

The sowing of intellectual seed in the springtime of life brings forth a bountiful harvest ere the Autumn.

3840

If law-makers and pill-makers could be compelled to take more of their own medicine and give less of it, the public health might be better conserved.

3841

When riches and penury are introduced by calamity, rank is abashed and equality established.

3842

The infantile mind delights in homage, but wisdom little concerns with forms and ceremonies.

3843

Hand in hand, Crime and his spouse, Stealth, roam the world, wherever their wicked fancy leads.

3844

Tradition is a more potent factor than reason, in determining men's religion.

3845

Gravity is amusing when capering with sin.

3846

Alas! too often the offspring of lust and contention fill the corners of the house to make it a haven of rest and a place of safety.

3847

A shrewd man is he who carries a high head when accompanied by a lean purse.

3848

The plebeian and the aristocrat are both products of the human garden, and when treated with like care bear similar quantity and quality of fruit.

3849

Ambiguity may be entertaining for an evening, but a week of it would be prevarication and a twelve-month an abominable falsehood.

3850

Love is the fountain whereat all people slake their thirst.

3851

Never was man too poor to give a smile and a kind word, and never was man too rich to accept them.

3852

Fear is the dragon of night that slays the peace of day.

3853

Happiness depends not so much on another as on one's self.

3854

Willing hands find no rest in idleness; unwilling hands no joy in usefulness.

3855

The distance is long from selfishness to generosity, but it has been traversed by many and the way found delightful.

3856

Passing through life to the many is like passing through a darkened room: to the few, like passing through an illumined chamber where everything is shown in beauty and defect.

3857

Seek not recompense. Seek principles, and recompense will follow.

3858

Hunger makes savage, and savages hunger for destruction.

3859

The test of truth is time.

3860

Silently as falleth a star in the heavens falleth thought from above.

3861

Fill thou my heart with gratitude and my soul with thanksgiving for the joy of living.

3862

Vanity is a weak staff for a rough road.

3863

Give thyself no rest until thou hast found thy work; and when thou hast found it, labor diligently, not for thyself alone, but for the great world in which thou art cast.

3864

Let us not become sullen nor abusive when our notions are controverted by facts; rather let us rejoice that our errors are rectified.

3865

Let no man say he knows God, lest he be accused of bragging falsely. Let him say rather that the desire of his heart is to know the divine will and to conform to it.

3866

True happiness is the joy of unselfishness.

3867

Bear thy name proudly and be not ashamed of honest toil.

3868

Sweet as the carols of the lark on high are the cadences of inspiration that fall on the spirit ear.

3869

Contentment goes wherever it is invited.

3870

Think not that the size of a house and the quality of its furnishings are an indication of the size and quality of the mind of the inhabitant.

3871

In matters pertaining to public good, delay is less dangerous than haste.

3872

A feeble mind leans on another's opinion. A strong mind leans on its own.

3873

Alas! how unfortunate they who are encased within the steel cells of vanity and fashion, deprived of the society of the thinking world and forced to eat of the bread and water of idleness and folly.

3874

The cry of oppression reaches not the ear of selfishness.

3875

A mighty man of valor is he who begirds himself with wisdom and rescues lovely Peace from the clutches of War.

3876

WHEN the philosopher dons his diving-suit to explore the bottom of the sea of motives, what curious things he finds and what horrid monsters he brings to the surface for the prying eyes of the world to examine.

3877

Those who are immured in ignorance think naught of the needs of the world.

3878

The gold ear of usury heareth not the plaintive voice of penury.

3879

He is more clever who knows when to speak and not how than he who knows how to speak and not when.

3880

Judaism consoles the Jew. Christianity consoles the Christian, but the truth alone consoles the man whose love of God exceeds his love of sect.

3881

Diligence frequently distances genius in the long race for honor.

3882

Who will say it is more cruel to bind the foot than the mind!

3883

To know a man you must see him when it rains and when it shines, when it blows and in the calm.

3884

If we stand in the line of progress ourselves we are surer of holding our place than when we hire a substitute.

3885

If thou desirest laudation, laugh with thine enemy and also mourn with him as with a friend: though thy friend may expect more than he gets, thy enemy gets more than he expects.

3886

RED coat excites a strutting gobbler and a spreading tail displays the vanity of the peacock, but the cow gives as much milk and the dairymaid makes as much butter and cheese as though the turkeys and the peafowl were tranquil. Vanity disturbs little but itself.

3887

The white lily of truth blooms eternal in the divine mind.

3888

There are as many ideas of luxury as there are minds to seek it, but he enjoys most who knows most.

3889

Hunger often makes a poor man steal, but as frequently a rich man steals for very love of plundering the honest folk who trust him.

3890

They who look from the housetops of intelligence can better observe the needs of humanity than they who grope in cellars.

3891

Get a little money if thou must and a little sense if thou canst, but at all hazards get the sense first and the money will abide longer with thee.

3892

Love of duty makes swift action a pleasure.

3893

Subtleness more than frankness is inclined to impugn good motives.

3894

Consanguinity is made an excuse for rudeness that would otherwise be unpardonable.

3895

The humiliation of defeat lies deepest in the heart of him who has more vanity than valor.

3896

A BIG thief gathers the treasures of others and holds them in his wicked grasp. A little thief gathers trash. They differ only in their capacity to seize and to hold. The little thief is scorned for his misdemeanor, whilst perchance the big thief is honored and envied for his boldness and success.

3897

Longevity is only desirable when one has much work to perform.

3898

Affection is well in the right place, and the right place is everywhere that men, women and children are domiciled.

3899

In morning life agriculture leads in the quiet fields of Nature, and in the twilight invites its votaries to walk in the peaceful groves of contentment.

3900

Atavism watching for an open door passes in unnoticed and surprises the careless family.

3901

He that rebuketh without cause is in danger of contempt.

3902

He that slanders a neighbor will betray his own household should ill-nature suggest.

3903

A great nation loves a greater people, and a great people love a greater nation.

3904

Alcohol prefers to reach its destination in a hurry.

3905

Wheresoever the mind of man tendeth, there abideth the man.

3906

FASHIONABLE society never laughs at itself, but those who look between the cracks and through the knot-holes of the high board fence that surrounds it laugh merrily at the capers and grimaces of the performing company within the enclosure.

3907

Beware of him who is swift to condone thy faults. Mayhap they are his own.

3908

See to it that thy neighbor returns that which he borrows, otherwise thou makest of him a receiver of alms.

3909

When stupidity prattles of itself humor raises a protecting hand to save it from violence.

3910

Lean not on another, lest thou grow lopsided.

3911

Muzzle thy temper and chain it to its kennel as thou wouldst secure a ferocious dog.

3912

The condolence of a friend is acceptable, but the condolence of a stranger as often wounds as comforts.

3913

Milk and water nourishes a babe, but is weak food for a man. So is it with diluted logic for a grown mind.

3914

Energy springs into immediate action, but sloth will sit all day looking on.

3915

The problem of finance is the problem of the world. It has never been solved nor will it ever be though all nations and all peoples will never cease to try.

3916

THE lower kingdom of Nature more willingly reveals her purpose to man; but the higher, which comprises man himself, is more reticent. Lives will be sacrificed, moons will wax and wane, and cycles be turned: yet the revelation will be afar.

3917

Corrupt citizens make corrupt officials, therefore to cleanse politics cleanse the home and the State will care for itself.

3918

If death loves a shining mark it must not be inferred that life prefers a tallow dip to the sun.

3919

The angels are torchbearers to light the soul through the misty vale of death—and what are angels but the loved gone before?

3920

Indolence would rock all day in the lap of luxury if not crowded out by necessity.

3921

Worry begins in the mind and ends there; then let the circumference of the circle be small or it will be larger than the mind.

3922

Original thought is claimed by many writers, but thought is a free, inexhaustible, eternal quantity, and he who claims to have originated thought may with as much propriety proclaim himself God.

3923

A dreary life finds little consolation in a prospective heaven: an ever-present negation of that condition in the now overshadows the future.

3924

Maxims are good for those who heed,
And wise are they who never need.

3925

NO one wants a maniac in the home, yet a household will admit anger occasionally, and crime with its red eye and cruel mien crowds so closely upon its heels that it is apt to slip in with its mate to do awful deeds.

3926

A bullseye is made in false pride every time common-sense fires at it.

3927

It takes a very long pole to knock the apples of wisdom off the tree of life.

3928

Confidence leans on the arm of love through rain and sunshine, heat and snow.

3929

Frugality is the defense of the poor against the army of want.

3930

A fountain of perpetual youth flows from understanding.

3931

Disease is not more contagious than bad language.

BOOK SEVENTEEN

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HY does the warrior strut and the plowman bend? Answer, ye who know! Have not the selfish exalted one and debased the other? Has it not been thought a curse to earn one's bread by the sweat of the brow since the Adam story? War is the curse of mankind and work the savior. Living peoples must not in their jealous frenzy murder one another. God gives man breath and He alone can take it from him without sin. It is his possession for a short time, that he may labor diligently in earth's vineyard; then to yield it and go hence when called to higher fields of usefulness. Such is Twentieth-Century thought, based on things seen and unseen.

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Hypocrisy is a burning coal carried in the hand, and every one is scorched who clasps the fingers.

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The revenue derived from dishonesty is so much poison with which to commit moral suicide.

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As a tune is learned sooner by singing than by sighing, so is a talent developed more quickly by recognition than by denial.

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A bargain-seeker will always find the accommodating vender lying in wait with prize-package in hand.

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As a slight shower hinders the May dance, so will a trifle hinder happiness.

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Intelligence is the inflow of Divine light into the mind of man; and wherever the man of intellect resides, there radiate from him rays of thought that illumine many mysterious corners of life.

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LEGAL statutes restrain because of the penalty attached thereto; and when Nature's laws are rightly interpreted for the man-child, he will not so carelessly break them, because he will know that the penalty that follows each and every infringement is never set aside.

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A genial countenance illuminates a large company, but a sour visage puts out the light.

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Goodness and kindness are twin sisters whose lives are spent in thought of others.

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Faithfulness and truthfulness are the foundation of matrimony without which the structure falls.

3943

Eccentricity is more agreeable to meet at the public inn than at the fireside.

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Love! What is it? To each individual it hath a different definition: to one it is of earth, earthy; to another, of heaven, heavenly; but it seemeth to be the energy that makes and holds worlds—the God-essence that permeates all life.

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The fear of death is all that stands between many men and many sins.

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Irregular habits make irresponsible men, and irresponsible men make ready rogues but poor citizens.

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A naked mind is a greater offense against society than a naked body.

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Necessity is the lever that moves the world.

3949

VICTUALS and drink are needed each time the sun returns to sustain the physical man; alas! how few feed the spiritual man, whose hunger is so great that he dies of starvation without complaint.

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It is better to sup on porridge with honesty and virtue than to partake of the fatted calf and drink of the red wine with luxury and vice.

3951

A villain is the servant of his own plots.

3952

A habitue of the playhouse who subsists on the over-seasoned hash of comedy and tragedy turns from plain fare.

3953

Authority wielded by a fool, or authority wielded by a knave, is a two-horned dilemma; and upon whichever horn the public is tossed, it is sure to be injured.

3954

A welcome guest listeneth to the promptings of Time.

3955

A lover of truth will dig for it in the mire of falsehood.

3956

When a suffering people are confronted by the two tyrants, theocracy and plutocracy, only a wise leader can conduct them safely through the Red Sea of trouble.

3957

Thy neighbor might become thy surety, but ask him not unless you intend to move.

3958

God gavest man a fair knowledge of men, but concealed Himself entirely from them, so that they know Him not, however much they may boast.

3959

He who roams gathers more experience than contentment.

3960

Sagacity is the friend of the animal and frequently would serve man better than theory.

3961

When chasing a foxy debtor follow the hounds closely if you wish to take the brush.

3962

Examine thy heart frequently to discover if there be aught within that does not belong there.

3963

It is said to be an omen of good luck to find a horseshoe; but the finder's luck lies not so much in the horseshoe as in finding something, however small.

3964

A loveless life is like a leafless tree—a dreary object 'gainst a wintry sky.

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A stubborn mind resides in a weak head.

3966

Wit and humor are the pepper and salt of debate.

3967

Loquacity will run the conversational mill, but it turns out a small grist.

3968

Much legal ingenuity is required to successfully defend vice against justice.

3969

Who is bold enough to declare that a dishonest man walks as close to God as an honest one?

3970

Hate is the forerunner of confusion, and confusion is the forerunner of disaster.

3971

INASMUCH as God has endowed human beings with reason, let them exercise it in determining their relation and conduct toward Him, irrespective of inherited hindrances to individual freedom of opinion.

3972

An effort in behalf of justice is an effort in behalf of liberty.

3973

Royalty affects disdain when compelled to exchange words with democracy, and democracy is invariably annoyed when associating with royalty.

3974

Display would soon weary of going forth did the people close their eyes.

3975

Marital indiscretion creates apprehension, which makes the day midnight and goblins to walk at noon.

3976

Plutocracy rides in a triumphal car drawn by the poor.

3977

A wholesome lesson is contained in every defeat.

3978

Labor unhesitatingly turns want out of the cottage.

3979

The loud and urgent petitioning of the sinner suggests that the Lord is either deaf or in bad humor.

3980

Confer a favor on a stingy man and he will return but thanks. Confer a favor on a generous man and he returns thanks and the favor also.

3981

A bright morn does not preclude a shower in the evening, neither does a fair promise imply a fair act.

3982

Incantations please the superstitious; superstition pleases the ignorant; but neither please him who has cast off swaddling-clothes.

3983

A jolly man enjoys what a sober man ignores.

3984

One glimpse of Paradise would compel instant obeyance of Divine law, and it is because of man's shortsightedness that he continues in evil.

3985

Despondency is the most intimate companion of misery.

3986

Literature is the open portal to unalloyed pleasure, the charming companion of solitude, and a kind friend to all.

3987

Anachronism is unfortunate for any historian, but most disastrous for the theologian.

3988

Versatility belongs to the many, adaptability to genius.

3989

Providence has decreed that he who acts like a fool shall not be accounted a sage.

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Intolerance is born of selfishness.

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Rancor lives long after pain is forgotten.

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Acrimony delights to wound prosperity.

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Merit loves application and rewards it openly.

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HOPE is the figurehead on every ship that sails the Human Ocean. Sometimes it is carried away by the heavy seas that break over the bow, but whenever a port is reached it is replaced, the owner gives cheers, looses his moorings and sails away on another voyage.

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Perfection depends much for assistance on encouragement.

3996

When the apostles of art walk the earth in search of beauty to lay their genius at her feet, they find the way blocked by the demons of necessity who lie in wait to slay them.

3997

The struggle for life weighs heavy when there is nothing but hunger in the house and nothing but sorrow in the heart.

3998

Gratitude is most pleasing when accompanied by affection.

3999

Dissipation and extravagance are the highwaymen of civilization.

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Fairer than the morn and brighter than the sun is the inspiration bestowed upon aspiration.

4001

A cup of water and a crust received with thankfulness smooths the way of the next unfortunate who asks assistance.

4002

Labor to the end that all men may profit by thy industry and the question of poverty is forever settled.

4003

Of all the burdens of life a diseased mind is the most oppressive that frail humanity is obliged to bear.

4004

AN intelligent and faithful dog expects his services to be recognized by a pleasant word of commendation, which is readily given by a good master. Why then should not a man receive as much as a dog?

4005

Generosity labors for love's sake.

4006

Diligence is a better watchman than negligence. The one courts safety, the other disaster.

4007

Swift fly the hours of time, but swifter the moments of opportunity.

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Extravagance arrives with a smile, but leaves with a frown.

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License to do right the good man calls liberty, and the bad man, bondage.

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Intelligence seeks causes. Ignorance is satisfied to view effects.

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Poverty and genius must be fond of each other, else they would not be found so much together.

4012

Ambition shows preference for youth and inexperience and may desert age altogether to dally with the young.

4013

A philosopher is bound to listen to the philosophy of others if he desires to advance his own with profit.

4014

Fortune does not run on a straight line, but has tangents that no man—be he prophet, sage or miser—can foresee.

4015

A VISION of rest is the weary slave's dream of heaven; but a place of industry is the heaven desired by the philosopher who finds his threescore and ten years too short to unravel the long skein of mystery which entangles him.

4016

Confidence when broken can only be mended with the cement of time, but never perfectly.

4017

Anxiety goeth about unveiled.

4018

Crime with its load of guilt must always drag behind virtue.

4019

A greater affront than buffoonery is chicanery.

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A gamester may not be a leader of the pious, but he may not have a worse heart than many who pray daily for his conversion to their particular belief.

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Let no man say it is well with him who hath not God for a partner.

4022

When considering the way of the journey thy pleasure is increased or diminished according as thy mind conjures.

4023

A single grain of commonsense sifted into the other ingredients that compose the daily bread will make a lighter and more digestible loaf.

4024

Seek to be just rather than popular.

4025

The majority should rule when the majority is right.

4026

Elegance of thought claims no relationship to elegance of manner, though once in a while there is an affinity.

4027

A lamb led to the slaughter is the child whose life is made subject to the will of the ignorant.

4028

Bear in mind when deciding matters of weight that even the consensus of opinion is not infallible.

4029

Self-respect is the truest of friends, as it can be depended upon to carry one safely through great difficulties.

4030

Guidance is often necessary, but always seek it from a superior if you wish to ascend.

4031

A stingy man groans inaudibly when decency compels him to put his mite on the public plate, and the generous man can not suppress a laugh.

4032

Curiosity abounds in children and occupies the place of good breeding in many adults.

4033

Heaven hath knowledge of so much evil that it is hidden from earth by a veil of tears.

4034

Danger lies behind every door that is perpetually closed to the public eye, and misery behind every wall that is raised to shut up the children of earth from their brothers and sisters.

4035

Brevity is never better appreciated than in the payment of a loan.

4036

Faith is a stout staff on which to lean when traversing the vale of doubt.

4037

A great multitude of words are put forth to one idea—a cartload of advice to one useful suggestion.

4038

It is cruel to hint neglect when circumstances are at fault.

4039

Thy talents may not be appreciated by thy neighbors, but the taste of thy relatives may not be trusted.

4040

Fortunes are made and lost in a day, but this can not be said of the treasures of the mind.

4041

If a fraction of the money given to vice were applied to virtue, the sun of prosperity would shine in countless homes.

4042

When women become more like men their friendship may be more lasting; but should men become more like women, what then?

4043

Diversity of opinion fearlessly expressed is the surest sign of healthful growth.

4044

Peace will abide permanently upon the earth when selfishness makes room for it.

4045

A dejected suitor carries about a self-repeating phiz that none may miss his story.

4046

When several opinions are presented it is easiest to select one that conforms to our own, and this we seldom fail to do.

4047

THE religious thermometer rises when ancient idols are attacked by the scientific iconoclast. The higher the idols have been placed, the more precious, and the fiercer the fight to keep them on their pedestals.

4048

A lavish display depletes energy in a day.

4049

A backbiter waits for you to turn, that he may bite you.

4050

Derision may amuse or it may offend, but it never convinces.

4051

Benevolence is not centered in eleemosynary institutions, but lodges in a sympathetic heart and seeks to express itself without ostentation or eulogistic comment.

4052

The contrast between a large and a small mind is not so apparent until they are arrayed against each other in religion and politics.

4053

Strong logic must rest on absolute truth and justice. Weak logic, which is usually supported by falsehood and error, is a temporary structure, which in its fall buries many beneath it.

4054

As society decries prying and Nature invites it, the curious could make better use of their time by questioning the latter.

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It is better to admit a doubt than by silence to confirm an error.

4056

He who labors for humanity alone, labors for God, who is not considered a good paymaster by many who refuse to work for Him at all.

4057

PROSPERITY is not the gathering of golden shekels nor yet the possession of lands and cattle, but the adding to and building up of an intellectual and spiritual structure as enduring as time and eternity.

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A strong steed for a long journey, but a nimble foot for speed.

4059

Persistence is the key that unlocks the secret doors of knowledge.

4060

A greater evil than the glutton is the tattler, but greater than either is the scandal-monger who barters confidence for gain.

4061

A Hottentot knows when a thing pleases him. What more can be said of any critic?

4062

An inheritance of money is convenient, but an inheritance of commonsense is an ancestral gift for which the inheritor should never cease giving thanks.

4063

Energy is most needed when paddling against the current of environment.

4064

Elaboration of fact amounts to a plain falsehood.

4065

A great intellect needs no advertising or vanguards to herald its merits and superiority.

4066

When the hammer strikes the nail on the head we have less to say then when it strikes the thumb. Thus are we sparing of praise for good service and loud of complaint for blunders.

4067

A comic song is the froth of diversion.

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A PERIODICAL spree is like unto a cyclone, twisting to the very center all good resolves, uprooting promises, and destroying the growing crop of reform that was sown and watered with the tears of repentance.

4069

A rolling stone may gather no moss, but a man is sure to gather considerable experience on his way down life's hill.

4070

Domestic dramas should never be played before the footlights, however often they may have been rehearsed behind the curtain.

4071

In time of want what hath a man or woman left if honor is gone?

4072

A stagnant mind breeds disease as surely as a stagnant pool.

4073

In the dark one can not read the written thoughts of man, but the unwritten ones are clearer than in the light of the sun.

4074

The liberties of the people may be safely increased according to the increase of their understanding and appreciation.

4075

Whoso lieth about his neighbor covereth himself with a mantle of dirt to conceal his identity.

4076

Give a man a chance to rob you and you ascertain his degree of honesty, but alas! not always in time to save your wares.

4077

Selfishness is not an agreeable member of the household, as it interferes with everybody and everything in it.

4078

Severity cuts two ways: it injures the injurer as much as the injured.

4079

It is fatal to friendship to make common property of the purse.

4080

Love is the star of life.

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Regret is the brother of remorse.

4082

A peculiarity of hospitality is that it can not maintain its reputation without the assistance of its guests.

4083

An elastic spirit yields more pleasure to its owner when it is not weighted with too much gold.

4084

A beautiful thought rarely comes to one whose mind is engrossed with sensuality.

4085

A worse malady than poverty is satiety, and work is the only cure for either.

4086

The unalloyed happiness in one's life fills only a few pages of the threescore and ten chapters of the book.

4087

An ape can not become a man, but there is no law of society that prevents a man from becoming an ape.

4088

The lark sings high in the sky from inclination; likewise do mortals sing high or low as they incline.

4089

When a man invites another to his house and gives him the best in it, be he prince or pauper, the guest who grumbles deserves the banishment that must soon follow.

4090

Gratuitous help insures gratuitous contempt from a contemptible source.

4091

The pinch of snuff may be sneezed at, but the pinch of poverty may not.

4092

The doctrine of total depravity is evidenced by fewer than preach it.

4093

A seven days' wonder is the man who from choice eschews riches for poverty.

4094

A hearty laugh pleasantly flavors the day.

4095

Whosoever desires to engage successfully in the affairs of life must gird himself in youth for the fray.

4096

When the noonday sun of knowledge is shining brightly without, the man who lives in the cave of ignorance must guide his shadowy steps by the dim torch of faith.

4097

The best things in life are as inexhaustible as the demand. They are neither the great nor the small things, but such as please the individual.

4098

Pleasure abounds most where satiety is not known.

4099

The print of a hand on the staircase of knowledge indicates that some one has ascended.

4100

Lavish consideration of others will not impoverish any family.

4101

Abstinence is good policy when inclination is near.

4102

REFORM begins by the individual cleansing of the innermost corners of the mind and working outward, for be it not understood that brushing the exterior will renovate the interior of the tabernacle.

4103

More efficacious is rebuke administered in silence than in anger.

4104

Labor may soil the hands and bend the back, but should not break the heart nor bend the spirit.

4105

Physical hunger decreases, but spiritual hunger increases with nourishment.

4106

A beautiful visage ofttimes is more in love with itself than with anything else.

4107

A little wit will parry the thrust of a big blunder.

4108

A fertile tongue does not bespeak a fertile mind.

4109

The most menial service hath dignity when it is performed that another may not lack comfort.

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One must bore deep for pure water. So must one who wishes to draw from the deep rivers of thought bore through the many strata until the unfailing flow of inspiration is tapped.

4111

Silence is never more commendable than when anger knocks for admittance.

4112

A vagabond is the product of civilization and a guest at large of the entire globe.

4113

A Hebrew Bible and a Greek Testament are the corner-stones of theology, but the mountain-ranges and the shoreless seas mark the place where science has met the eternal God.

4114

Laugh not at the illiterate, but pity, for their defects make them so conspicuous that they could not be modest if they would.

4115

An open grave receives a corrupt body, but man never.

4116

A free and united country is a prophetic dream yet to be fulfilled.

4117

A brave and honorable independence is preferable to a king's domain.

4118

A safe and quick cure for adversity is a measure of prosperity taken in small doses.

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A blessing is contentment, for with contentment comes peace, whose presence beautifies the lowliest home.

BOOK EIGHTEEN

4120

HERE is an old saying that if an inch is given, an ell will be taken. Too true! too true! And this is the reason that so many private homes are barricaded against public invasion. The masses, by their depredations, draw a line between themselves and the art-treasures contained in great mansions.
The earmark of vandalism, the unrefined rich and the unrefined poor have put upon themselves! They have writ an outdoor warning against their admittance. Behold the hacked trees, the mutilated branches, the lettered seats, inscribed rocks and the littered way! Until these signs cease, ye shall know that it is not wise to live with open doors, and the ten righteous will not save the many from condemnation.

4121

On holidays wear your broadest smile. On holy days laughter is forbidden, that your behavior become the occasion.

4122

A loud calling indicates the whereabouts of the caller, but not necessarily of the called.

4123

A pleasant morning is frequently followed by a stormy evening and it is not safe to predict that the closing days of life will be like the morning hours.

4124

A stoic affects indifference but the human heart craves sympathy, it matters not how much wrapped it may be from public observation.

4125

A heart full of sympathy and a head full of sense are the essential requisites for the making of a good citizen.

4126

THE vanity and impertinence of tardiness are intolerable. Presuming that the assembled company has sustained a loss, tardiness loads itself with apologies and dispenses them with much ado on arrival.

4127

Old age is not the time to prepare for battle.

4128

It is no man's business to exploit his neighbors' affairs unless he be hired for that purpose.

4129

A familiar but always laughable farce is a nobody trying to play the part of a somebody.

4130

The dearest spot on earth is home when home contains the heart.

4131

A sweet disposition is as pleasing as the odor of violets.

4132

The mist of disappointment vanishes with the sunny rays of hope.

4133

A bestial man has no counterpart amongst the animals, for they lead clean lives.

4134

The liability of misfortune to overtake and devour riches makes the journey of the latter, one of extreme anxiety and peril.

4135

The highest authority on ethics is founded on experience and preserved in books.

4136

It is difficult to arbitrate questions of domestic economy when there are several minds in the family each claiming supremacy.

4137

THERE is naught to sustain the theory that man was created in the image of God, but it is quite true to say that God is created in man's mind and as grows the mind so grows the image until personality is lost in universality.

4138

Great fortunes are annually spent in laying the foundations of misery.

4139

To disarm suspicion when investigation demands admittance, open the door at once.

4140

Sincere and homely phrasing is more musical than the rhythmic words of hypocrisy.

4141

The vicious yearly spend enough money, time and energy to build their own prisons.

4142

Noble heroism unrecognized by the public: the constant effort of the good wife to reform the dissipated husband.

4143

Keep the children near Nature and you keep them near God.

4144

Theocracy wears on its head a thorny crown,
And on its face a cruel frown.

4145

The truth-seeker leads a lonelier life than the money-seeker, but in the end the first is rich and the last is poor.

4146

Confession may ease the mind but it does not remove the tracing of a sin which is deeply and lastingly graven on the tablet of memory.

4147

WHEN the laborer desires truth and justice more than aught else he shall rise and shine. But woe unto him who in his heart lays low the palaces of civilization. Truly the righteous abhor destruction; only barbarians seek it.

4148

Daily intercourse with the rude blurs the polish of fine manners.

4149

Creeds have bound more minds than science can in a long time release.

4150

It were better to place a rubber doll in the halls of legislation than a man with a rubber conscience; the former would neither do mischief nor take a bribe, the latter does little else.

4151

A hermit should be the happiest of men—always in love with himself and no one to rouse his jealousy.

4152

A variety of seasoning added in proper quantities to the domestic salad makes it more relishable than plain greens every day.

4153

It is a fact that the less a brag knows about a subject the more determined is he to let it be known.

4154

One would have to be ten feet high to overlook the faults of others, but only a pigmy to overlook one's own.

4155

The better way to serve an enemy is to forget him; and should you meet, convey this idea to him, then his anger may be turned to shame and you be master of the field.

4156

It is impossible for a little mind to fill a large space.

4157

IF I were Santa Claus I would load my sleigh with Liberty Bells, and every boy and every girl in the land should have one, and every day they should chime until man, woman and child became acquainted with the true significance of the beautiful word and learn to love and value and honor liberty, the holiest of human privileges.

4158

A lack of tender sentiment makes life a sandy desert, across which the journey is tiresome, lonely and monotonous.

4159

A slave is every man who permits another to dictate his politics and his religion—those are things that should be selected without coercion.

4160

Straws blow with the wind, but rocks do not; therefore be a rock if you do not wish to be tossed about with every turn of the weather-vane.

4161

The anticipation of pleasure carries one beyond a matter of fact, consequently the reality is not so pleasant as expectation.

4162

To see straight one must look straight and not squint around corners and then wonder why everything and everybody appears crooked and out of line.

4163

Whirling at a terrific rate of speed is the round globe, but it is as a snail's pace compared with the flight of thought, whose swiftness knows no limit.

4164

Friendship is but a name unless the opportunity has been offered and promptly accepted to perform some service requiring self-sacrifice.

4165

PAUPERS are oftener made by vice and sloth than by industry and frugality, and if this statement were posted on the doors and lintels of civilization, it might make the careless careful and the wasteful frugal.

4166

Place before a child the best pictures of life and he will copy them.

4167

He who turns from truth will accompany falsehood to the brink of destruction.

4168

When guilt is added to the ordinary luggage of life, it outweighs all joy.

4169

Horticulture has two pleasant ways: the morning walk of industry and the evening stroll of contentment.

4170

A sharp wit makes bold to play upon the follies of others, but incidentally he touches upon his own foibles, which keeps him on the plane of other men.

4171

A variety performance gives more rest to the mind than a continuous play: so it is with daily occupation.

4172

A vain fowl does not conceal vanity with spreading feathers, neither does a vain woman, however much she may pretend.

4173

Idleness hath no dignity, but makes a pretense of superiority that would amuse did it not cast the burden of living on others.

4174

A leaky house that stands on a hill has no advantage over a leaky house that stands on a plain. Neither is one lie better than another.

4175

TO the village doctor and the parson are entrusted many secrets, but the gossips declare themselves the rightful custodians of all public and private affairs and possess themselves in a degree most perplexing to honest folk.

4176

A generous supply of conceit enables one to talk confidently if not convincingly.

4177

Decency forbids the association of truth and falsehood.

4178

Few should have wealth, for few are not the worse for its possession.

4179

A dwarfed body excites more curiosity than a dwarfed mind, the latter being so common as to pass unnoticed.

4180

Love of excitement is the forerunner of discontent, and discontent is the quick destroyer of domestic life.

4181

The ship of state is ever in more danger of foundering in a religious hurricane than in a political gale.

4182

The breadwinners and the caretakers are not so soon forgotten as the idlers and the merrymakers.

4183

Habitual intemperance and habitual failure abide much together.

4184

The energy wasted to ruin one life would provide for several.

4185

The wings of mercy are wide enough to brood the whole human family.

4186

ONE by one the leaves of the rose unfold and exhale their heavenly perfume; then they fall to the ground and the spirit floats aloft to bud and blossom in the upper world of thought and beauty. Likewise the soul of man.

4187

A common saying is that when a man dies that is the end of him, but it would seem nearer the truth to say it is the beginning.

4188

The favorite pastime of old and young is the chase for money. The majority are poorly mounted or are inferior riders, consequently many are ditched and thrown at the outset, only one now and then securing a brush.

4189

An accumulation of titles is part of the rubbish gathered in royal life.

4190

No person, unless small indeed, can crawl through the little end of the horn of experience without being squeezed.

4191

When one is prompted to do a kind or generous act and is restrained by poverty, the thought must be placed to one's credit.

4192

As lamentable as failure is, it is kinder than success when success destroys those upon whom it falls.

4193

To have a beautiful mind one must cultivate beautiful thoughts that they may spring up and blossom in season.

4194

The ingenuity of man has suggested many contrivances to prevent stealing, but has concerned little to prevent lying.

4195

THE wit and humor, sense and logic, pathos and poetry, expressed in a single day, were it recorded, would be a marvelous revelation of human life and in ages to come might be the atom upon which to build a new bible.

4196

Religion is offered so freely that the world does not seem very anxious for it.

4197

Ostracism is not harder to bear than mere toleration.

4198

Badges of distinction are more frequently worn than medals of honor.

4199

If a man love the truth he will search for it.

4200

Close upon the heels of time treads experience, but it has never been known to overtake it.

4201

A fortune does not wait long for a claimant, but a claimant may wait forever for a fortune.

4202

The majority of men make better citizens than presidents, though few could be so persuaded were the chair within reach.

4203

One must have strong vision to see his neighbor's interest as clearly as his own.

4204

It is a delicate experiment to trifle with expectations; they so often take offense and leave altogether.

4205

Folly laughs gaily in company, but when alone it wears the face of death.

4206

WHEN full civilization abides with us, locks, bars and bolts will disappear, and until that time man is but a pretender to high place, a vain bragging creature with nothing but platitudes to offer in defense of his unworthy state.

4207

A visionary man is more interested in the future than in present events, and therefore misses much of profit.

4208

No man owes respect to authority that partakes of brutality.

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A lake of fire and brimstone is not more terrible to contemplate than an eternity of idleness.

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Depression follows exaltation as the valley lies below the mountain.

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Many mistake solicitude for kindness when it is only interference.

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A sad heart may seek the companionship of gay laughter, but gay laughter does not fraternize with a sad heart from choice.

4213

Every holiday is a trump-card in the fifty-two weeks' shuffle of the year.

4214

A babe born in a manger may some day be a leader of men, but should he so born elect to always live in that manger, probably no one would waste time and energy trying to cast him out.

4215

When a priest reads your horoscope his predictions concerning your future are not very consoling if your theology differs from his.

4216

THE plumed knight and the lady are they called in romantic history, who dally with Cupid; but in real life they are as often the scullery-maid and the scavenger, because Cupid has no favorites and is not a respecter of persons.

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Whatsoever a man has to do let him do it well, as perchance it is his final work and his only monument.

4218

Silence when bought with a principle is an extravagant purchase.

4219

Vulgarity is not a friend even to itself.

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If our arisen friends witness our frantic efforts and miserable failures to become suddenly rich, may we not ourselves keep them in purgatory longer than any deserve?

4221

The ties of true love are never broken; the silver cord will stretch from earth to heaven.

4222

The best advocates of a cause are those who love it better than themselves.

4223

A sudden change of front exposes one's back to considerable danger.

4224

The past is a wilderness of mistakes, and should you now be midway on your journey, the future contains as many more.

4225

Who would think of determining the quality of a man's brain by the cut and color of his hair! Yet this is no more absurd than determining a man's worth by the cut and quality of his apparel.

4226

THE weighty responsibilities that fall upon the wealthy are quickly perceived by the poor, who are ever desirous of shouldering the burden, not so much with a desire to help the rich as to change places with them.

4227

A happy turn of thought gives the mind a holiday, but a despondent twist makes it slave from morn till morn.

4228

When the debate is too long the points grow dull.

4229

One may shout victory when one can live without care.

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When interference takes the place of advice, it is intolerable.

4231

You can not determine the depth of the pocket by the length of the coat.

4232

A long head serves as well as a long purse in times of perplexity, but when the two are associated obstacles disappear as if by magic.

4233

A welcome guest is he who comes with a smiling countenance and a merry word.

4234

Why should the poor feel flattered when noticed by the rich, and why should the rich feel condescension when addressing the poor—are they not all brothers and sisters, and God their common father?

4235

A suitable place for the casting of a doubt is in the stream of knowledge, where the clear, swift current will carry it far away.

4236

ACCORDING to means and opportunity there is no more and no less charity amongst the poor than amongst the rich. Both keep well within their own territory, and it is only when they step over the line that the public hears of their generosity.

4237

A pepper-pod is not sharper than temporary authority.

4238

The best witnesses for truth are those who are best acquainted with it.

4239

An enduring monument—the shaft of integrity.

4240

How realistic and awful the picture the mind draws of a lake of fire and brimstone—but who is wicked enough to sketch the face of a dear friend struggling and suffering therein?

4241

A deliberate, malicious, revengful lie is a triple-headed monster that truth slays with considerable difficulty and delay.

4242

The most far-reaching thought of man will never penetrate the sanctuary of the living God of the universe.

4243

A beautiful object is an inspiration, and an inspiration is a breath of divinity.

4244

A dried mind is as unsatisfactory as a dried apple. The substitute can never fill the place of the fresh and juicy fruit.

4245

Your dullest guest may be the most appreciative of the choice viands and rare vintages placed before him, and your brightest the most indifferent to quality and service.

4246

WHEN a stingy man is seized with a sudden impulse to give, violent reaction is sure to follow, therefore it is well to watch symptoms closely at the beginning and take advantage of any favorable sign.

4247

Success depends more upon determination than circumstances.

4248

To hide behind the door of conviction and keep silent when some one knocks for an answer evidences the coward within.

4249

A wayward youth is a signboard on a disgraced house.

4250

It is a great achievement to root out prejudice, whether it grow in your own or your neighbor's field.

4251

The most fortunate individual in the world is the wisest one. Then it naturally follows that the most unfortunate is the most unwise.

4252

Who ever saw a savage running after religion unless he was chased by a missionary?

4253

A drunken man looks at his friends through drunken eyes and judges them accordingly.

4254

Ten thousand shouting voices could not drown the voice of conscience.

4255

The husbandman must toil that he may reap. The fisherman must follow the stream to fish. Yet how many expect the blessings of life to come without effort and the fish to bite on dry land.

4256

THE becomingness of poverty and the unbecomingness of wealth is not a subject for a popular lecture; but the thought protrudes itself when one sees vulgarity arrayed in extreme fashion and refinement shabbily covered.

4257

A valiant effort in behalf of justice endows one with courage to defend the weak.

4258

The sanctity of matrimony has been well-nigh destroyed by money and jests.

4259

A noble life needs no creed but brotherly love to insure salvation.

4260

An adamantine heart can only be softened by the trip-hammer of disciplinary experience.

4261

It is more enduring to crown the immortal mind with truth than to wear upon the mortal brow the gems of earth.

4262

How deep the silence of a living soul, its breathing scarce felt by mortal who nearest is.

4263

A welcome suitor is he who comes with a full purse in one hand and a full heart in the other.

4264

There is sure to be a fine kettle of fish when two lovers are angling in the same brook.

4265

It may not be a secret to all, but it is to a few, that the chief hindrance to heroism is lack of the quality itself.

4266

CARE is especially needed in the rearing of good citizens, but alas! insufficient is exercised, and behold the result in the prison-houses, asylums and infirmaries, and the knaves, the fools and the cruel in public places.

4267

The halcyon hours of matrimony are those preceding arguments, and the most incompatible those following.

4268

Nowhere in the great wide world is there so much need of pity as for the brute creation in their feebleness to make known their sufferings.

4269

Carnal appetite brings death to him who indulges it.

4270

A lascivious thought or act is a swift run down the hill of destruction.

4271

It is no greater sin to poison the body than to poison the mind, but mental suicide is not recorded amongst the namable sins of commission.

4272

It is easier to walk leisurely along a smooth road than to run over a rough one, and this is the difference between competency and penury.

4273

Thou hast much joy if thou canst speak thy thoughts with tone, form and color.

4274

Abundant wine makes abundant folly, and the ripple that is set in motion gathers until it breaks in a great wave on the shore of society.

4275

An enemy is not a good thing to stumble upon suddenly, and he is safest who makes fewest.

4276

BEAR in mind, ye bonnie lassies, though Cupid follows no prescribed route and may jump fences and run about in most eccentric fashion, you are just as liable to meet him coming through the door as coming through the rye.

4277

If ninety and nine prophets fail and one is true, that one will be remembered and the ninety and nine will be forgotten.

4278

A beautiful lake so clear and deep that everything that floats on its surface is reflected beneath—such is the immortal soul.

4279

The world smiles and bows low to prosperity, but prosperity is not always in humor to return the salute graciously.

4280

A wild Indian knows as much about God as the most learned theologian, but doubtless each would claim to be the wiser.

4281

Loud is the complaint against sinning, yet those who complain keep on sinning and expect others to abandon sin at the tooting of a horn.

4282

Matrimony is sacred when love is ever present, but marriage does not create love and without it husband and wife are without companion.

4283

To better understand the spiritual laws of being it is well to enter psychological realms, gathering fragments from everywhere.

4284

A grain of sand is a smaller thing on the beach than in the eye, and so are the troubles of others compared with our own.

4285

THERE are two signs at every turning—one is revelry and danger, and the other is sobriety and safety—but travelers either do not read or do not heed, for they as often go the dangerous as the safe way.

4286

A wise head permits but a little wisdom to escape at a time.

4287

The only antidote for ennui is labor in some of the many fields of usefulness.

4288

Blighted affection is the frost of an approaching Winter of loneliness.

4289

A conservative estimate of the sins of humanity would place them well in advance of their virtues, did not virtue stand in the ratio of gold to the baser metals.

4290

The best test of a man's sincerity is his adherence to a principle that is antagonistic to his personal interest.

4291

The love of freedom is so strong in some natures that without it they perish, and with such, restraint of body is less torturous than encasement of mind in a religious or political straitjacket.

4292

A river of truth flows through the plains of error that is turned at intervals upon the thirsty sands, that fruit and grain may grow thereon for the diligent husbandman who toils for knowledge.

4293

A trustworthy servant of the people laughs at personal gain and will turn his back on his own interests whenever the public welfare is better conserved by his antagonist.

4294

GIVE us this day our daily bread is the universal prayer; but with all the pleading many go hungry, not even the crumbs falling to their lot. Who then will dare say that God heareth and answereth hunger's prayer! It is thy brother who must share his loaf; it is thy sister who gives of the crumbs; it is thyself who must cease to be selfish: and all must abandon greed and strive to be just.

4295

Wit barbed with cruelty is fatal to friendship.

4296

A foe may wear the face of a friend, but a friend will never wear the face of a foe.

4297

A hundred tails will not make a lion nor a thousand trunks an elephant. Wherefore then complain that individuals are what they are and demand impossibilities?

4298

Correct diction is the fine raiment of thought, and its adornment the white rose of purity.

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The fearless advocacy of a cause does not prove that cause just. Error has ever been as valiantly championed as the right.

4300

If a man love his neighbor as himself he will befriend him and defend him.

4301

Wherever one may go, one will find selfishness and injustice under the same roof. They are inseparable.

4302

The percentage of falsehoods is so out of proportion to the exact truth that the answer is not written in the key of moral arithmetic.

4303

IT is comforting to most Christians to look forward to death as the time of rest. Whether because of overwork or love of ease, the thought is not one that will spur to action any dormant faculty or rouse the ambition of any one, and were better left behind with the old doctrines and beliefs than carried along with the new.

4304

A grain will turn the scales either way, and as words are but grains in the affairs of life they should be accurate.

4305

A lengthy argument widens the breach of misunderstanding.

4306

Virtue attends every one who will permit.

4307

A pointed story is better than a blunt fact to pry open a dull mind.

4308

If the weak were compelled to rise when they first fall, fewer would fall a second time.

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4309

UR loss is incalculable when we put aside useful employment to sit with folded hands. Our brains wither when we no longer work. There are so many services that brother can render brother that idleness seems unnatural. Poets, dreamers of dreams, the chroniclers of truth, writers of music and the interpreters of master compositions, the artists, the artisans, hewers of wood and drawers of water, all these are aids to noble living; but luckless are they who toil not, are vain of their indolence, and show contempt for honest normal life.

4310

An agent of Beelzebub is the person who goes about gathering gossip to retail.

4311

Innocence hath no redress when despoiled.

4312

Moral sanitation is the last thought that reaches an unclean mind.

4313

Amusements, like medicine, should be taken in small doses and not too frequently, lest injury instead of benefit follow.

4314

A thought may reach the Pleiades, but God never, for He is without location and beyond the limit of finite mind, and therefore remains unthinkable and unknowable.

4315

Socialism will not civilize the masses. Civilization's hope is the individual constantly arising from the masses.

4316

An appetite for rum no man can indulge and walk the highway of propriety and happiness.

4317

WHEN the sunlight appears in the East, men happily exclaim, "It is day." When it disappears in the West, they say, "The night cometh on." But when the first bright ray of science peers over the mountains of ignorance, pious people predict darkness; and when it vanishes for a time, they joyfully exclaim, "The morning light is breaking!" Wherefore this twist in the mental vision?

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Evolution makes good possible.

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He who slays a brother surrenders himself to endless bondage to the crime.

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The tender vine of childhood reaches out with its dainty tendrils and clings to a leafless tree or a bent limb with as much affection as to a perfect support.

4321

Simplicity is ever beautiful, but more especially with the face of innocence.

4322

A misunderstanding that can not be cleared with a line can not be righted with a chapter.

4323

A man's fortune may consist of knowledge or gold or both, but certain it is that only the former can he take to the land of the soul, whither he must migrate whenever Death commands him.

4324

There are lay-figures in society as in shop-windows who continually turn on a pivot for onlookers to admire.

4325

It is not known that a vain man is more diffident about exhibiting for admiration than a vain woman.

4326

FINE raiment is easily obtainable, but the fine deportment that should properly go with it, unfortunately is not for sale, and coarser garb would be more fitting for buyers who are conspicuously in need of the latter.

4327

The most perfect outward beauty is as naught when compared with the beauty of unselfish devotion, that hides under the mantle of hardships to serve its loved ones.

4328

When women are permitted to participate in the affairs of state, men will pay more attention to their sworn duty or be distanced in the race for honors.

4329

Two thousand years ago it was written that no man had seen the Father at any time, and we know there has been no meeting since.

4330

Reverence becomes youth and glorifies old age, but to reverence error is to scoff at truth.

4331

Bread is the staff of life and butter is a gold head upon it.

4332

Lassie, if a man flatter thee, ask thyself candidly if he be not thinking of himself.

4333

Our days are like wool upon the distaff of Time, and the coarseness or fineness of the web will be according to the thread that we spin.

4334

No system of religion should meet with more favor than that founded on the divinity of man, the dignity of birth and the majesty of death.

4335

SHOULD the angels listen to all the scandals of mortals they could not rise to their fair realms, so weighted would they be with filthy mire. How then can a man expect to rise when he loads himself with all abominations?

4336

A scapegoat is to be pitied, for not only must it bear its own iniquities but all that the ungodly can pile on.

4337

When the wicked espouse a good cause it is delayed.

4338

Sin is discord. Righteousness is harmony, and when righteousness prevails heaven listens.

4339

A babe sleeping in innocence composes the mind; but to gaze upon the countenance of sleeping age brings more of awe, it is so akin to the rest that overshadows.

4340

Every time a truth is spoken, its echo is heard throughout the universe.

4341

Kind words are not the exclusive property of the rich, but everybody can bestow them whenever inclined without counting the cost.

4342

The circumference of a thought can not be greater than the circumference of the mind.

4343

Man in his search for God is like a child in the dark crying for light when there is no one to hear.

4344

Every line that is written in the great book of Life is corrected by the hand of Time.

4345

LOOK at the surging multitude with their crutches, canes and props. No one walks erect —no, not one. Some hobble on the crutch of prevarication and deceit; others limp with covetousness and dishonesty; others are bent with selfishness and greed, lust and pride, and so many other abominations that even the good are bowed with grief.

4346

It is pleasurable to have our virtues told, but to have our sins exploited makes the narrator unbearable.

4347

Timidity frequently keeps genius in the background, but it does not prevent mediocrity from appearing in the foreground.

4348

Modesty is the most becoming garment that superiority can put on.

4349

Conservatism hangs on the car of progress, but like the small lad behind a wagon it falls off when the pace is quickened.

4350

A great amount of energy is expended in pursuing Fashion, but it runs so swiftly that it is never overtaken.

4351

True heroism is an expression of pure love, very beautiful and very rare.

4352

If the newly born should count all day and night throughout the threescore years allotted to human life, the number reached would not express relatively a day of eternity.

4353

There are a great many balloons in society and it takes much gas to raise them, but the throng seem not to tire of the performance.

4354

LET any man who thinks he knows the world thoroughly go forth as a mendicant to meet his friends and ask of them alms or address them in words of social equality, and he will realize on his return that he still has a few things to learn before boasting.

4355

Permit no one to pry the lid off the pot when a family stew is boiling.

4356

It is a swift slide down the hill of morality, but a long pull up.

4357

One is not so sure of winning a fortune in a lottery as by industry.

4358

Every one is given a message for the world. Some deliver it well, others ill, and some not at all.

4359

It is somewhat beyond the common lot to amass a million dollars, but it should not be beyond the ability of any one to obtain the respect of the entire community.

4360

There is too much folly recorded in the pages of history to make a man boastful of his grandparents or over-confident of his grandchildren.

4361

A bean-pole will hold up a bean, but is a poor support on which to train a pumpkin-vine, and those who trust too much to bean-poles will see their golden expectations fall to the ground.

4362

Be very sure you are right before trying to make others accept your opinions, because if you are wrong you are doing as much mischief as though it were intentional.

4363

WHAT more engaging to the young than the anticipation of maturity, and what more delightful to the mature than the contemplation of youth! Thus does each reach out for the other and meet on middle ground.

4364

Today is but the childhood of man, although his advent upon earth is lost in the mists of antiquity.

4365

The highest anticipations are always dimmed by tiny clouds of doubt, which realization rarely clears away.

4366

Duty often lies further from the heart than from the hand.

4367

There are few characters without stains and blemishes enough to condemn them were they merchandise and judged of men.

4368

Sometimes one mistakes a reflected light for a shining one.

4369

Honesty in the company of dishonesty looks guilty and ill at ease, whilst dishonesty reflects the virtue of honesty and appears to advantage.

4370

An unnecessary load is carried by him who takes up his neighbor's quarrel.

4371

Whether rich or poor it is against public morality for men and women to live without regular employment.

4372

He who kills time should be adjudged guilty of a serious crime. Time, however, may be trusted to avenge itself.

4373

WE must infer that our ancestors deported themselves with becomingness, for to this day and generation are to be found those who sigh for the "good old times." Therefore be it well understood that as the present always looks to the past, and at this moment we are making the past, it behooves us to act well our part in the present if we would claim the admiration of generations to come.

4374

A frolic with intemperance is a dance with death.

4375

A lost sheep bleats that it may be found, but this is not true of a lost brother or sister.

4376

A belligerent attitude may seem heroic when it is only comical.

4377

A man should not love his neighbors as himself unless he loves himself more than his money.

4378

Large numbers of those met in public thoroughfares are without soul growth, and what think ye is their appearance when the mortal vestments are removed and they appear in all their hidden deformity?

4379

Every other person thinks that every other person is wrong. If this be so, who is right?

4380

A languishing spirit is ever revived by the recital of good news and it is a panacea for most human ills, but not always at hand.

4381

Be generous of thy substance, but parsimonious of self-praise.

4382

THE aborigines hated our ancestors and were swallowed up in the great stream of colonization that poured in upon them; and by a similar law, may not we, when the cycle of our occupancy closes, be absorbed by the great ocean of barbarism to which the stream is running?

4383

It is better to die for the truth than to live a lie.

4384

It is wasteful to try to pour a quart of understanding into a pint head.

4385

A lonely man is he who loves solitude and can not find it.

4386

When Idleness meets Industry war is declared.

4387

When any one says that life is not worth living it is because that one knows not how to live.

4388

Peace enjoys domesticity and will sit by the hearthstone whenever permitted.

4389

Signed, sealed and delivered at birth are letters patent to all the territory lying between the cradle and the grave.

4390

When the sun of reason sets, the world is in darkness and the night of superstition is long and fearsome.

4391

Unselfishness is the keynote to the prelude of everlasting happiness.

4392

A hearty laugh three times a day will cure diseases that defy drugs and lotions.

4393

GREAT danger lies near the nation that neglects public education. Let the government regard the ethical and intellectual culture of the masses, but apart from the State let the various religions take care of themselves.

4394

Visions of peace and plenty fill the imagination of one; forebodings of war and famine of another; but did all have a clear vision of justice, famine and bloodshed would be forgotten.

4395

Contemplation of the good in others is far wiser than the consideration of their faults, as the former makes them appear better and the latter worse than they really are.

4396

Dogs are ever more faithful in adversity than men.

4397

Deeper learned in the art of persuasion is the feminine mind, but when the exception proves the rule, the masculine mind has been brushed by genius.

4398

Virtue is victory over temptation, and the victory depends not so much on the strength of virtue as the weakness of the temptation.

4399

Thoroughness is commendable in all things but evil.

4400

Purity bubbles up from the living spirit, but is polluted by flowing through the corrupt springs of earth.

4401

Why may not a man have an opinion of his own if he be diligent enough to find one; or why should he be criticized who perchance has appropriated one from his grandfather's collection?

4402

THE most hopeless criminals are they who have in them the least love, and these are they who need sympathy and good thoughts to awaken in them similar emotions, though justice must ever be administered with sternness and never weakened with laxity.

4403

To reach religious freedom one must tread a briery path, but they who have survived the ordeal declare it well worth the trial.

4404

Bitterness of heart is like unto a sharp thorn in the flesh, which continually wounds and will not heal until removed.

4405

The law of attraction rules in our affections when we give free rein to the spirit.

4406

Love laughs at locks and danger, but it never laughs at sorrow and want.

4407

Whilst cheating is the pastime of many, it is never the employment of self-respect.

4408

Detection, though not in the thieves' vocabulary, is the handwriting on the wall in every felon's cell.

4409

Authority that rests upon justice is from God.

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Quick promises are more brittle than slow ones.

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A barking dog may not bite; but if he does you can not say that you were not warned.

4412

A decided answer has a stimulating effect whether it be yes or no.

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WHEN an honest man goeth forth at night he carrieth a light before him; but a thief goeth forth in the darkness that he may not be seen of men. Take heed therefore of him who hides his calling from the world, lest he rob thee.

4414

The light of the world is thine own soul.

4415

A will without a purpose is a rudderless ship tossing about on the sea of destiny.

4116

Symmetry of body and symmetry of mind are not so generally associated that their separation causes surprise.

4417

The genesis of man is lacking in the archives of Nature, where the savant is not permitted to enter.

4418

Before taking our friends to task for displeasing us it were better to ascertain if they have pleased themselves, as it is not fair to exact more than we are willing to grant.

4419

When you overtake opportunity, recognize it cordially and walk on together.

4420

Whatever we may think of a gamester, it must be said that he is trying to better his condition.

4421

Procrastination is more than a match for any business that ever wrestled with it.

4422

The most menial occupation that helps to turn the wheels of happiness is honorable, but that which puts obstacles in its way is dishonorable and degrading.

4423

THE foundation and the roof of a dwelling are all-important, but the middle stories also should have some attention, otherwise the structure is defective, and this is most true of education, for it is the middle stories we most occupy.

4424

Our opinions are grubs today and butterflies tomorrow.

4425

Violent convulsions of Nature tell us that God is still at work in His laboratory.

4426

Study thy daily lesson faithfully, for as sure as the sun appears each morn there will be given to thee one to learn that is worthy serious attention.

4427

When the sword is turned into a pruning-hook, and the battleships into merchantmen, the nations of earth will be approaching civilization.

4428

Dignity sitteth ill on him who mingles his advice with sarcasm.

4429

It takes less noise to frighten a thief than an honest man—less scandal to harm the immoral than the moral.

4430

When listening to the prowess of another, consider the prompting motive, that you may better judge of the achievements.

4431

It is better to spend the pennies than to hoard the pounds for base purposes.

4432

An avalanche of doubt may destroy faith, but hope usually escapes unharmed.

4433

THE greedy and pious individual who wants the whole loaf assures the meek that it is Providence acting for their best good that cuts their slice so thin and spreads it so sparingly, and that it is ungodly to complain.

4434

It is hazardous to permit ignorance to govern when wisdom will serve.

4435

The wildest savage of the jungles has his time and place in the world and is an important factor in the divine mechanism, otherwise he would not be.

4436

A sensitive brain receives the thoughts that pass along the wires of intelligence as they are sent from the divine to human minds.

4437

Write all thy thoughts upon parchment and read them in company if thou hast courage.

4438

A position to which none aspire is that of chief mourner.

4439

Whenever you break a good resolution, mend it as quickly as possible.

4440

Go not into society to find fault with it but to better it.

4441

Charity that is distributed with publicity is not the kind that the Nazarene meant when He advised the hands know not each other.

4442

That a general deluge swept over the earth is not altogether improbable, but that it occurred from the causes and in the manner as related in Jewish history, taxes credulity beyond the point of safety.

4443

IN the Nineteenth Century a heretofore unapplied force brought the four quarters of the globe into intimate acquaintance, and corners that were once desolate are now as close as the next village. And who will deny the probability of speaking across the Styx when communication across the great oceans without effort is now possible, profitable and interesting?

4444

Only a Hercules can lift a man out of the gutter when he makes no effort to lift himself.

4445

Seek not to buy of another his principles, as in so doing thou becomest accessory to moral crime.

4446

Far back in childhood's realm we wander when sorrow touches us, and we live again the past.

4447

Anything that savors of hypocrisy savors of falsehood.

4448

The small things of life are the days, the great affairs are the years, and as the days outnumber the years so are given our human lessons.

4449

Little can be said at any time in defense of sadness that were not better said of cheerfulness.

4450

No one can work well without enthusiasm, but this does not imply that all enthusiasts are clever.

4451

The gathering of thoughts is like the gathering of fruits from trees the windfalls lie at our feet and are obtained without effort, but for that which grows on the topmost boughs we must climb.

4452

IT is a plain fact that no other remedy has been found by political doctors for the cure of poverty but industry and economy—two such common medicines that they are rejected by many sorely afflicted with the ailment.

4453

The best loved are those who love best.

4454

The bible of the future is the unwritten truth.

4455

In the divorcement of ethics and religion, religion would suffer most.

4456

Be calm in bereavement and let the spirit be the comforter.

4457

Etiquette demands that intellect play second fiddle to royalty.

4458

Alas! what sorrow were ours did not the philosophers and the poets bequeath their precious thoughts to the libraries of the world.

4459

Dynamite is not more dangerous than the confined energy of ignorance.

4460

Little children have unwittingly spoken as wisely as Solomon.

4461

If we try to belittle ourselves we shall not want for assistance.

4462

A controlling interest in any business encourages covetousness.

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A long promise is stronger than a short one because cemented by time.

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NO one ever saw a shadow fall, nor a storm retire, an opal lake nor a sea of glass, leaves of gold nor clouds of silver—though poesy describes them all. No one ever heard the voice of God, though ancient writers of a great book declare it, and men wax wroth even unto this day in defending the literal word, though others are happy and wise in extracting the beauty that is concealed in its poetic and mystic lines.

4465

The capital " I " is so pleasing to us that we ought to continually check the propensity to use it, that we become not both monotonous and offensive.

4466

Veneering may please, but it does not satisfy.

4467

Doubtless it is safer and often wiser to fly than to fight, but the world views the fighter with admiration and the flyer with contempt.

4468

Suicide is not the act of a normal mind, for the love of life is so strongly implanted by Nature within man that it deserts him only when the mind is impoverished.

4469

Without a-priori reasoning, justice is hindered and prejudice given an unfair start.

4470

Punctuality is the first lesson to be learned ; when the bell rings the train starts whether or not you are there, and the opportunity goes by.

4471

Concentrate the mind upon a subject at least once a day, and three times is better, until it is disciplined to do your bidding promptly and not to play truant upon the simplest errand.

4472

SNOW covers the earth with a glory and the white queen reigns over a realm of purity until man goeth forth and defaces with footprints the beauty that surrounds. And thus does he stain with the heel of lust the moral whiteness that is about him.

4473

As often as thou prayest for wealth, pray for wisdom.

4474

Overmuch study in beaten roads weakens originality of thought and expression, therefore it is well to go into the bypaths and to gather leaves from all nooks and crannies when preparing the book of life.

4475

Happiness, with its companion, Duty, calls upon us every morn. Sometimes we do not open to the knocking and then unhappiness is our guest for the day.

4476

Repulsiveness needs as much consideration as beauty, but seldom receives it because our eyes must needs be pleased to quicken our hands.

4477

Languor is another name for laziness, used most by the indolent.

4478

Anarchy and insurrection are brothers and it matters not which outlaw were dictator where rights of person and property are concerned.

4479

Labor as hard as one may to promote habits of industry amid squalor, there are those who will ever cry of their wants, and those who cry loudest will work least to better their own condition.

4480

Deceit is a milder name for iniquity.

4481

MORTALS crawl over the surface of their little planet and tell one another what God is like, what He has said in times past, what He intends to do with man in the future, and they are neither cursed nor ridiculed for their presumption; but ages come and go and the majesty of eternal law prevails, and none can fathom the mystery of being nor comprehend the source, and thus must it be ever and evermore though mortals prattle much.

4482

If a new broom sweeps clean, inferentially the new woman will sweep cleaner than the old man.

4483

Vain is the desire to be wise if not willing to labor industriously at the forge of instruction.

4484

One unpleasant experience overshadows all the pleasures of a day.

4485

Not welcome in the house of cheerfulness is the bearer of a gruesome tale that driveth laughter beyond its gates and covereth the inmates as with a pall.

4486

Gaiety romping with innocence in the halls of virtue—such is an ideal home.

4487

Very many require prodding to keep them out of sorrow.

4488

Danger acts like a sneaking coward. It takes care to conceal itself whenever and wherever it can and then springs upon its victim unawares to maim or to slay outright.

4489

A capital " NO " should be the first word in a child's primer and the only word on the pages of temptation.

4490

TO grow you must be yourself; it was not intended that you be satisfied with the cast-off opinions of others, but that you exercise your own brain and find the truth in your own way.

4491

Mercy belongs to love, and let us say, Love is God.

4492

An infant wrestling with a giant would be an appropriate device to place over the door of every college dedicated to theology.

4493

No one knows what a wicked thought may do when sent on an evil mission.

4494

Apprehensive is compassion when old age is pursued by the specter of cold and hunger.

4495

Some there be who would count the cost of an adventure to themselves who would not consider others.

4496

The tide turns in a moment; therefore if it has been long running out, be patient a little longer.

4497

Seclusion befits the good; but what would become of the wicked did the good seclude themselves altogether?

4498

The evening is the postscript of the day and into it much is crowded that would have made the day more profitable and interesting.

4499

A triumphal entry into paradise would be the monarch's wish after his demise, but we opine he will enter the gates ajar without ceremony and in peasant garb.

4500

WHEN the crows caw the farmer puts out a straw man to defend his field, and this is about the same precaution that the voters take to prevent the political crows from stealing the public corn that has been planted.

4501

The fragrance of a flower is its spirit, an emanation from the divine garden not made with hands.

4502

If you wish to keep the cat in the bag, tie it with a strong cord of secrecy and do not be persuaded to undo it.

4503

Grief cries out for consolation, the rarest of all blessings bestowed.

4504

The fellowship of health and disease is unnatural and impossible physically or mentally.

4505

Salacious scandal is relished by prying minds more than modest truth.

4506

Were everybody to shine, the illumination would be too dazzling for clear sight.

4507

Did every one speak the truth Satan would lose his following, for truth is the foundation of all goodness.

4508

Oh, judge thee not any one unless to thee has been given divine wisdom.

4509

Sense and sentiment frequently meet on narrow ground and contend for right of way ; and when sound sense yields to silly sentiment, all who are concerned are imperiled.

4510

IF a signal corps were established from earth to the seventh heaven, and a flag-angel placed at every station, mortals would soon cease to speculate regarding the climate beyond, and nothing short of this seems adequate to deter the advocate of one kind of religion from consigning the advocate of another to a torrid zone.

4511

Poesy loves to walk in dewy meadows and by the still waters and list to its own note, because in busy marts amid the clang of commerce it becomes affrighted and can not sing.

4512

Two busy little words, " yes " and " no," carry more joy and sorrow to human hearts than all others.

4513

Only when labor is self-respecting can it command respect.

4514

When we learn the truth, whatever will make us happy will make us better; but while we are living in error, we lust after the fleshpots that make us worse.

4515

Intrude not thy presence in the house of affliction except on an errand of love.

4516

Do the pleasures of life recompense for its trials? To answer in the negative compels argument with Deity.

4517

Though every one has something to say, but few know how to say it for all time.

4518

Before the world becomes perfect, idleness must be put to work.

4519

A SOMEWHAT hazardous and fortunately an unnecessary position for a man to assume is to look his neighbor in the eye and give him an unqualified and unreserved opinion of his merits and demerits as seen by the public.

4520

If we could find the key to the situation we might unlock the difficulty.

4521

The most serviceable weapon in the hands of an enemy is his familiarity with our weaknesses.

4522

Indolence and indifference always get in the way of progress, causing long halts and exasperating delay.

4523

Masculine and feminine vanity may differ in kind, but there is no apparent difference in degree.

4524

When we meet a stranger on the lonely way we have to acknowledge that on the threshold of the Twentieth Century we are afraid of one another.

4525

Why should the poor and afflicted be advised to cast their burdens on the Lord, when the rich and the strong are nearer?

4526

The longer the lesson, the more difficult the application.

4527

Domestic patchwork is scrutinized with curiosity, but the exhibit should never be spread before the public.

4528

Be dignified before a king, but not less so before a slave.

4529

INDIVIDUALS in a house may be likened to its doors. No two hinge upon the same support; each swings from an upright of its own, serving an independent purpose.

4530

Whatever an enemy recommends, search for flaws.

4531

A terrible day may be prophesied should fanaticism dethrone reason.

4532

Science precludes the belief in the resurrection of the physical body, but is agnostic concerning the soul.

4533

One who confers a lasting favor on mankind has done more than the ninety and nine who confer temporary ones.

4534

Late hours produce bodily fatigue, but when the sun is strong in the East exercise thy mentality.

4535

How restful the pillow of peace.

4536

The world is the great encyclopedia of humanity, and all good and all evil is writ within its unnumbered volumes.

4537

The vulnerable places in the character must be constantly strengthened lest the citadel of life be destroyed.

4538

Be faithful in the minute affairs of life and you will be trusted with the great.

4539

A lay so sweet that all who hear must pause: the song of content voiced by the home choir.

4540

HALLELUJAHS and groans are mingled on earth, but in the hereafter groanings must cease and hallelujahs ring in the clear atmosphere of a more perfect understanding and realization of life, its requirements, its possession, its glories and its freedom.

4541

Be cautious when walking on the edge of the crater of intemperance, as the footing is always insecure and the crust deceiving.

4542

When the analytical mind separates ethics and religion and weighs each, it realizes how much the world owes the former.

4543

Fearless thought is the angel that opens the prison-doors of superstition.

4544

When silent night ascends her throne our eyelids are closed by her command, and when the dawn is come she kisses them to wakefulness and gives her scepter to the kingly sun.

4545

So still is the house of conscience that the slightest rap at the door is heard within.

4546

Futile the effort to stay the current of wrath when all the floodgates of indignation have been opened.

4547

Riches are transient: the shadow we keep; the substance we lose.

4548

When the heart is stone the life is Godless.

4549

To get a fair share of worldly goods one must decide early what is most desired and be ready to seize opportunity when it is offered.

4550

THE keen delight with which the hunter tracks the timid deer through the forest that he may slay it within its own preserves is an indication of the cruelty in man and his pleasure in destroying the defenseless when not endangering his own life.

4551

Never lie where you fall unless it is the best place on earth.

4552

Every one welcomes a hero, but a coward should never return.

4553

Those who have given but a moment to psychical study speak with less reserve than the student who has long toiled.

4554

The Supreme Lawgiver of the universe writes in secret and communicates sparingly to those who most persistently importune for knowledge.

4555

Indolent men call upon God to come down to them because it is too hard work to climb up to Him.

BOOK TWENTY

4556

OMMERCE makes aliens brothers. Its fraternal strength is greater than religion. It holds Nations, and cements the fractures of wars. As years pass we shall more and more rely upon it to suppress dishonesty. We shall look to sound and well-ordered business to prevent the shortsighted from springing at each other's throats for a difference of opinion concerning the known things of this world and the unknown of the next.

4557

Old Father Time is a swift runner and those who lag he cuts down with his keen blade in the early hours; the strongest are weary at the twilight and ready to sleep when the night comes.

4558

Precept and practise should travel together, but practise loiters and frequently falls into bad company.

4559

The roaring metropolis is the lion that devours the poetic soul.

4560

Dreams are the journeyings of the soul, and the remembrance the tiny fragments gathered by the way.

4561

The more simple the mind the more pleasing illusion.

4562

Why great riches so often fall at the feet of the unworthy is perplexing to philosophers.

4563

In response to the questions that the soul asks of the invisible, there comes response not after the common manner, but in a way that sets the whole intellectual and spiritual machinery in motion.

4564

IT is a long distance to the sun, but he comes to the lowliest to gladden. And this is the suggestion of the willingness of the spiritual light to enter whenever the soul is not closed to its purifying and warming rays.

4565

Though a seeming paradox, a ripe old mind is a green old age.

4566

Whenever memory fancies, it frolics with the hobgoblins of the past until the present is alarmed.

4567

Believe thou wert created for a noble purpose and so believing do thou no ignoble deed.

4568

Every hour the young and innocent of earth are called to spirit land, the great playground for all nativities.

4569

So slippery is the descent of vice that most who attempt it lose footing and are dashed to death.

4570

Forgetful of all but self, man becomes a hideous caricature of what Nature intended.

4571

A bond that is closer than kinship is consanguinity of thought.

4572

A much-abused privilege: borrowing another man's mind with which to cover thine own deficiencies.

4573

Choose first the book and then the binding.

4574

The face of death is less terrible than the face of famine.

4575

WHETHER it be near or far to a given point it were incredible that every inch of the way be worthy minute description. Therefore, weight not conversation with too many details if you would be interesting.

4576

Let thy countenance be adorned with peace and thy mind with treasures rare. Then riches will not harm nor poverty destroy.

4577

Thou canst be of the earth heavenly-minded, but not of heaven earthly-minded.

4578

Diligence is necessary to success: the early bird does not find his breakfast without looking for it.

4579

A boaster should write his own autobiography, lest his biographer be of weak imagination and abide by facts.

4580

It is more difficult to please the wicked than the good.

4581

There is everywhere evidence that mortals learn life's lesson quickest when they are taught by the schoolmaster of experience, who spares neither the pupil nor the rod.

4582

When ventilating the mind have a care lest everything blow out of the opening.

4583

Be exact in all your dealings, that you be not humiliated by obligation nor humiliate others by obligation to yourself.

4584

Let us not be guilty of consigning our neighbors to perdition because they prefer to see God through their own eyes instead of ours.

4585

SOME day the awakened conscience will tell man that he was not evolved for the gratification of lust and selfishness, but to attain a state of intellectual and moral manhood that need not be ashamed to meet perfection.

4586

There are hours when memory is very beautiful, and there are hours when she is hideous; she smiles and she frowns, not as we will but as she wills, and mocks our efforts to control.

4587

Avoid haste by beginning early.

4588

Enduring all things for Love is a strong test of its strength and quality.

4589

There is no one on earth who has ever seen a miracle, and there is no wise man who ever expects to see natural law defied, and for this reason moderns wonder if the ancients were always truthful.

4590

How hard the bed of crime!

4591

It is more dangerous in the end to listen to the rabble than to offend them.

4592

If the mountain before thee be high, rejoice, for the view from the summit will be far-reaching.

4593

Ready-made and conventional phrases are weak substitutes for spontaneous utterance.

4594

A man who would question the fitness of theology to rule the world would be a man no longer did theology reign.

4595

IT is my belief that God will never pass final judgment on man nor deem him too guilty to reform, but that reformation must at some time and some place begin and continue throughout eternity.

4596

There is nowhere so much misery as in the mind.

4597

The moment we see ourselves as our enemy sees us, our vanity is turned to shame and gall; but when we behold ourselves through friendship's eye, our pride remaineth to sustain.

4598

The word "universe" is simple to write and to speak, but impossible to define.

4599

Some men defend their money with greater zeal than their character, and in some instances it would seem to be of greater value.

4600

He who harnesses an honest conviction with Mrs. Grundy's mare, will not have an easy-driving team.

4601

The healing of the nation lies in the healing of the individual.

4602

If thou art puffed up with conceit thou art a windbag, to be punctured by the fun-makers.

4603

To apologize to one's self for one's shortcomings is to make repetition probable.

4604

The highest pinnacle on the temple of fame may not give thee a glimpse of heaven. If thou art living, it may increase thy vanity; if not, thy kin may boast but never strive.

4605

TO acquire a perfect knowledge of life man must acquire a perfect understanding of the laws of the universe, which in his present development he is unable to do, but by the constant striving he will gradually evolve more and more of the divine which is involved within himself, and in the far ages will occupy an exalted plane in the spheres of intelligence.

4606

Look under the polish for roughness.

4607

In a line with God stands perfection, toward which man is crawling so slowly that to his generation he appeareth stationary.

4608

Of all great books the greatest is the one that doeth the reader the most good, and of this each reader must judge.

4609

To burden the mind with promises is to burden the mind with debt.

4610

What is there so bewildering as fashion, and what more unprofitable to both the eye and the brain of one who adores art and abhors a vain display?

4611

The little that the world knows of us makes us not ashamed to go forth and smile or frown as inclined, because secretiveness moves us to cover our sins.

4612

Consider the life of the wild flower: be its friend, for the pleasure it so freely gives without cultivation; and not an enemy, because unprotected.

4613

I wot there is more love in the heart of thy dog than in the heart of a miser.

4614

WHEN thou meetest one with the face of despair or the shadow of crime, extend thy best thoughts and strongest resolutions to assist the afflicted one across the dark valley of misery. For as sure as thou wouldst help, thou must take the wavering mind onto a higher plane where the rays of hope are long and the nights of despair short.

4615

Do the dead rejoice in Memorial Day? Who can answer—but all attest the blessing the day brings to the living when love alone is the prompter.

4616

A very rich man is a bondservant; a very rich woman a searcher for ease. Verily great wealth is torture and the tortured are seldom happy or content.

4617

Penuriousness is a near relative of selfishness.

4618

The most extravagant praise is as nothing without the approbation of thine own interior conscience.

4619

The political knave corrupts the political fool.

4620

Whether I be great or small in public estimation, I know that I must appear needful in the estimation of the Ruler of worlds, else I were not.

4621

Chain me to the rocks of superstition and I can only die. Chain me not at all if thou wouldst have me grow as the Lord God intended—straight, upright and far-reaching.

4622

The least scar made by love is sorer than a deep gash made by indifference.

4623

THE most encouraging sign of the spiritual evolution of man is the loss of religious fear and the increasing thought that conduct more than belief makes him acceptable to the heavenly world and his calling and election sure.

4624

A man may be detestable in the eyes of strangers when only amusing to his friends. The latter alone look through the lens of affection.

4625

The contemplation of whirling worlds held in their orbit should make man most guarded in speech concerning the destiny of the human race and the fate of a brother.

4626

Alas! that honors should be bought by the unworthy in this fair land where they should be bestowed gratefully upon the worthy!

4627

The plainness of truth oft makes it scorned.

4628

Consider yourself today on the eternal highway.

4629

Be not persuaded that birth begins and death ends life. Such thinking curtails design and whittles hope to the vanishing-point.

4630

Why should I moan when a tree is slain or sigh when a flower is crushed, if they be not my kin and a part of the one life?

4631

The reward for well-doing is instantaneous, inasmuch as it is a matter of the soul.

4632

If I am kind I shall grow better.

4633

WHEN the mind and the body are aweary go to thy Mother Nature, get close to her heart, pillow thy aching head upon her restful breast, and sleep with the breath of health over thee—and thou wilt waken with youth upon thy countenance.

4634

So beauteous is life that I sing; so terrible is life that I weep; but were my vision stronger I would perceive more of the cause and weep less.

4635

Time soothes a deep heart-wound, but whether it ever heals I doubt.

4636

The meaning of life is the riddle that has not been guessed.

4637

The blessings of life are many and so are the curses, but as we lack discrimination we frequently confound them.

4638

Thousands live unhonored and die unknown, but who dare say they lived in vain?

4639

Inasmuch as you can, carry your own burdens and so fulfil the law of justice.

4640

A magnificent century never yet eclipsed in the history of man but yet to be eclipsed.

4641

What need has one for gold unless one spend it? But to squander it means abasement, and to hoard it means misery.

4642

So shape your life that you may not be ashamed of your work.

4643

THOUGHT is the substance wherewith the mind is clothed. The raiment is coarse or fine according to taste and desire. The tailoring is done by ourselves—and what odd garments we fashion! No two are alike and not one is perfect.

4644

The pearly gate of Heaven is an easy conscience.

4645

Beauty smiles and ugliness frowns. One is man's friend, the other his enemy. One is art, and the other its antithesis.

4646

There are those in the heart of the wilderness who are not more lonely than the crowded man who plots and schemes to gather his neighbor's shekels.

4647

If thou hast a friend test him not too far with gifts nor heap him with obligation.

4648

Music that is heard with the mental ear quickens the soul.

4649

Bestow thy love upon all, but concentrate it upon but few.

4650

Great wealth and dishonesty dwell together, and so do poverty and dishonesty hobnob. It is only the honest man that is respectable.

4651

If I be fair in my dealings with all men, I shall not merit their contempt nor shall I fear to be judged.

4652

Selfishness incites men to struggle for power; unselfishness makes men loath to have it lest they become oppressors.

4653

WHOSOEVER asketh receiveth fully of spiritual blessings, but for temporal things there is a price, without which price they would scarce be valued, and the inability of the angels to charge for their instruction makes them undervalued as teachers.

4654

The quality of our raiment has naught to do with mind or heart. Yet it is given first place in worldly marts.

4655

Sweeten each day with a line from the poets.

4656

If we had eyes we should say that God loves us alike and treats us alike, but being blind we say one is blest and another is accursed. We contemplate the start and not the finish.

4657

The glory of life is its possibilities.

4658

Fragments of time are the whole of eternity. Their piecing is our privilege.

4659

I pray that I may never become too old for criticism.

4660

Boast not your own greatness. The world will do that if you deserve mention.

4661

Verily when a man becomes surety he submits his neck to the yoke and becomes his neighbor's ox.

4662

When enthusiasm goes to sleep do not try to do anything until it wakens.

4663

Everywhere in Nature is seen law, but nowhere miracle.

4664

A CONFLAGRATION of heretics was once the parson's fearful sermon, and it provoked so much antagonism that it set the whole world to asking why one soul was in greater danger of fire than another, and as yet no reason has been adduced to cause the just alarm.

4665

The last chapter of Revelations will never be written.

4666

Never since the dawn of Genesis has Eve been wiser than she is today.

4667

How dear the thought that the spirit of thy loved ones oft lingers to console.

4668

Non-conformity to established and popular religions makes thee a marked man; if thou differ thou must expect to be hit by ugly missles.

4669

Hold thy peace; against that, nothing can war eternally.

4670

If thou couldst tell me whence thought, thou couldst tell me of God.

4671

To follow in the footsteps of a good man is well; but to tread a new path will make thee stronger.

4672

Frankness tends to honesty; secretiveness to dishonesty.

4673

The glare of fashionable religion frightens away the spirit.

4674

The thirst for understanding is never quenched; yet the more one drinks of the elixir the more is one satisfied.

4675

A WHALE is a very large fish, and Jonah may have been a very small man; but to put one within the other makes a story so large that intelligence turns with astonishment when the high priest approaches with the literal record.

4676

The destiny of the future is now being determined.

4677

War is never needed to settle disputes, but unselfishness is.

4678

Love is the savior and destroyer of many.

4679

Be thoughtful and be kind, and thou need not worry about thy soul.

4680

The least attempt to portray art should be encouraged. It is the spirit seeking expression through the hand, and however crude, it is an uplift from the dead level that needs recognition.

4681

The trend of life seems toward individualism and the call of the spirit, " Come up higher."

4682

The rose gives me a poem, the lily a picture; likewise does a weapon of destruction image carnage, suffering and death.

4683

What e'er my fate let me be well poised in mind, that I hinder no one who is without my faith in ultimate good.

4684

Reading does not necessarily make a man wise. It is selection, concentration and purpose that strengthen the intellect. A man may read all his days and remain a pigmy.

4685

WHAT glories await the human race I wot not, but that God would prefer Jew, Christian, Mohammedan or Agnostic seems amazing if we stop to consider that one must be as precious as the other, that religion is a matter of human education. The ethics that each religion has attached to its own peculiar doctrines vary little, and it may be reasonable to suppose that ethical teachings are the true revelation, and those who best obey moral and physical law and develop the noblest qualities of character, will be God's chosen in the day of their demise.

4686

The clamor for gold is a clamor for care. He who has gold has to guard it.

4687

Those whom we love we do not fear. Those who love God fear Him not.

4688

The soldier of today is the target of tomorrow.

4689

Just a little while and thou shalt not walk the earth; but though thy days be few they suffice to do much work. There is no reward in Nature's plan for the indolent.

4690

If thou canst not add an object of beauty to thy view, add daily a beautiful thought to thy mind, and thou wilt become nobler and richer whatever thy circumstances.

4691

We bow to the inevitable, not from politeness but from sheer inability to ignore.

4692

I ofttimes think that if I should picture the Father as He is theologically represented, throne-seated, I should revere less the Oversoul of the universe.

4693

HEAVENLY bodies move in their orbits with mathematical precision, wheeling and changing according to immutable law or divine intelligence, which we designate God, of whom we are wont to speak knowingly, but of whom we know nothing.

4694

We can not fly toward God. We must be content to creep and grow.

4695

The ultimate of minding one's own business exclusively would be total indifference to the needs of the world.

4696

Thou waitest in vain for love if thou dost not bestow it.

4697

The elements proclaim the I Am, and man feebly prays, " Forget me not, for here Am I."

4698

If a cow should speak to you, your dignity need not be offended unless you are asked to moo.

4699

When the embers of life burn low and the frosts of age creep in, there is naught but love that can warm the heart. So be tender.

4700

A haven of safety from the storms of life—the realm of Reason.

4701

Although the kind are not invariably sane, the sane are invariably kind, because cruelty is an associate of the lopsided.

4702

There is not one, methinks, who would care to traverse the same path were one privileged to return to infancy and journey to the present hour. In each life there are frightful mistakes.

4703

WHEN the mind is running leisurely along in commonplace ruts, it is easier traveling than when it turns into unfrequented roads; but there is compensation for rough riding in the stillness and freshness of the surroundings, and the magnificent vistas that open at every turning make one to exclaim, "I live."

4704

If you have no friends become one.

4705

We love ourselves most because we are made selfish enough for our own preservation; but it is a despicable trait when we have an excess and makes us devils.

4706

A breath of Nature giveth man a breath of God.

4707

It is unfortunate to fly off the handle, because of one's inability to fly on again.

4708

As you advance in years keep your mental lamp trimmed that the flame die not.

4709

When shall we learn that we can not oppress another except we bind ourselves?

4710

I know not what the Devil is, but I opine it is the opposite of good rather than a deposed angel.

4711

Young feet trample parents' hearts, and grown feet trample children's hearts; but it seemeth that if the parent reformed, the child might copy.

4712

What is our life? It appeareth a groping for power, but methinks it should be the quest of wisdom.

4713

COMING is the time when all men will desire a knowledge of truth above all else; this state may not be reached upon earth, but in the upper worlds; in the ages before them must be outgrown the fallacies of the lower; the evolution of the mind demands this.

4714

Be a cupbearer if need be to bring thyself into the presence of the mighty, that thou mayest learn of their ways and improve thy wits.

4715

Chastity is a pearl of great value. Wear it, gentle maid, and thou art adorned before God and man.

4716

When the feet are weary and the heart is sore, an exchange of worlds is welcomed.

4717

The secret of life lies within the bosom of the universe where we are nourished into individuality. We yet know not our origin, further than our parents who teach us to lisp.

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When coarseness is preferred to refinement then will the stalk be admired more than the flower.

4719

Running into danger needlessly is a bout with death and is oftener the occupation of the foolish and unbalanced than the sane.

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Away from the throng, man touches God. Within the throng man touches man; but the physical contact is no less incumbent than the spiritual.

4721

Fall into line and travel toward light, regardless of creed or ism.

4722

NO locksmith, however skilled, can make a mechanical device that will unlock the door of understanding, which has to be pried open by degrees with patient labor by whomsoever would gain knowledge of the interior chambers.

4723

Holy wars have been horrible wars, and the misnomer perished centuries ago when men thought God a swordbearer and listened to the quibbling of self-seekers.

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If men visualized more it seemeth that the field of grain in contrast with the field of battle would present a lovelier and holier picture of what God would have the earth do for man.

4725

Death crowds the heels of dissipation. Life runneth beside moderation.

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Why should a man be humble? Why should a man be arrogant? Why should he not be proud that he is living and gentle toward all?

4727

Hie thee to the forest when thy spirit is aweary of noise and strife, and get thee hence when therein enters loneliness. Thou art not safe and sane when thou art prodded by either extreme.

4728

To think wrongly may lead to catastrophe, though the thinker be a saint and prayerful. It is intelligence that saveth from destruction.

4729

Whether we should drop our pride and permit ourselves to be assisted, or whether we should carry it and struggle on is a mooted question. Pride may be a burden, but it is the savior of many.

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WERE it not for the sages of the past, fainter would be the hope for the future of man, but what has been said can be repeated *ad infinitum* and the people uplifted and harmonized by the vibration of the strings that have made poets sing and philosophers chant.

4731

Whenever I meet a man I long to say, "Thou art a god and speak the truth." Alas, that I must be dumb!

4732

When you know right from wrong, why not do right and further God's plan of progress?

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The Hottentot is as happy as the Parisian. This should argue that happiness is the viewpoint.

4734

"Give ear to instruction," saith the ancient. "Even so," saith the modern. When thou art filled begin to think and probe to thy full capacity into the mystery of life.

4735

If the beautiful word Peace were repeated on the prayer-wheel of daily life, there would be little inclination to slaughter and maim our brothers.

4736

Go to a friend for counsel, but consult your conscience concerning your duty.

4737

Neither uproot nor cultivate imagination. Let it alone to grow like a forest tree in wind and rain, in shade and sun.

4738

Man is, and that is about all we know of him. His body we behold, but the spirit which animates it is veiled in mystery, its past and its future conjecture.

4739

A RECLUSE is not thereby a poet, though a poet is inclined to be a recluse, for he will tell you that the rhythm of the spheres does not so readily impress his phonographic brain when in worldly company as when alone with the muses, who approach with accents so soothing that to be in the inspired presence is an ever-present longing.

4740

To temporize with evil is to commit it in thought.

4741

The habitual borrower is the bane of society, for he hath no pride, neither is he fair.

4742

Would that the world's inhabitants were all polite! Politeness would relieve the courts of half their work. Rudeness is a curse to all who indulge in it wittingly or otherwise.

4743

Follow a rogue too closely and he overshadows you.

4744

Maybe in the future all men will learn that to be useful one must be honest. Oh, haste the day when there shall be no place on earth for a cheat and to live he must reform!

4745

The fruit of a thought: a poison if evil; a food if righteous.

4746

Human swine often appear in other clothing and the people are deceived by rich apparel and affected language.

4747

Every one believing in a personal God draws one's own picture of Him, which were they hung in a gallery would cause shocking irreverence and some amusement—they would so resemble themselves.

4748

EVERYWHERE we go we see a train of evils propelled by public indifference moving swiftly along and crushing some unfortunate brother or sister with every revolution of the wheels. When some reformer attempts to minimize the danger by legislation, there ascends a protest from the unregenerate against interfering with the rights of men to kill each other after their own manner without let or hindrance.

4749

Make few promises; break none, for thy word is thyself.

4750

Moonshine for lovers; sunshine for workers.

4751

Thoroughness does not necessarily mean a heavy hand. Discrimination and a light touch may give better results.

4752

A pilot in a strange harbor: an education for a child.

4753

Hold thy venom in thine own mouth. Thou art not a snake to poison with fangs.

4754

To escape reproach makes a coward a liar.

4755

Amazing results come from diligence, honesty and sobriety and a determination to rule thy spirit.

4756

To get acquainted with sin we barter our very souls.

4757

Wings have I none, but I have a mind that flies afar and a heart that leaps like a roe; therefore am I equipped for gaining some knowledge beyond the limit of mine eyes.

4758

LINGER long and lovingly with the living form, but forsake the dead form when it is laid in the earth. Seek not to find the living with the mold, but if thou wouldst commune, look thou to the beyond for friendly recognition.

4759

Methinks village life is more advantageous to the young than the adult, inasmuch as it affords more room to breathe than to labor.

4760

Employment is as necessary to right thinking as right thinking is to employment. One is the need of the other. To divorce them means death to progress.

4761

The breath of God is still warm upon the earth.

4762

Better a night of prayer than a night of revelry; a day of work than a day of idleness; a thought of peace than a thought of war: one will make thee better, the other will make thee worse.

4763

Somewhere in the world of thought there must be waiting momentous ideas for future minds to seize and present.

4764

The wings of Fate flap in the face and eyes of him who runs counter to the signposts set by sobriety.

4765

Pity the morally depraved. There is nothing but misery for such as go wrong.

4766

Blunt speech frequently passes for sincerity, but there is no reason why a cultured voice should not hold and convey every virtue. Alas, that any voice is clever acting!

4767

MANY ways have been suggested to prevent the rich from growing richer and the poor from growing poorer, but there is only one way known whereby this may be accomplished, and that is by eliminating selfishness from the human heart; but as that will take time we must not look for a radical change in a twinkling, nor should the poor expect the rich to grow faster in that direction than themselves.

4768

There is no more joy in arriving than in striving.

4769

In the throes of evolution is man from birth to death.

4770

If thou findest an idea it is thine to amplify, and like the loaves and fishes it can be used to feed the multitude and there be basketfuls left.

4771

In time science will set religions right. They are growing better with much discussion and modern knowledge.

4772

Reason civilizes. Prejudice brutalizes. Reason is man's friend, prejudice his enemy.

4773

Fling to a dog a bone, but to a man an idea.

4774

The highlands of life—the upper regions of thought—the multitude does not reach. Individuals do. One climbs alone; the masses move slowly, but with an upward trend.

4775

All of earth are kin, although we are ashamed to acknowledge it. But when disaster befalls we are made to realize it as we tremble in our helplessness.

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THE best picture of the beyond is the one that is the most beautiful, and the worst that which is the most painful; then shall it not come to pass that he who takes the best view will become better than he who holds to the worst if the contemplation of the beautiful is ever more ennobling than the continuous dwelling upon cruelty?

4777

Immortality means evolution throughout eternity.

4778

Humility is a virtue or a weakness according to the circumstances.

4779

Barabbas has been more popular than he will be when the people adjust their political goggles to their dust-filled eyes so they can see the difference between a savior and a thief.

4780

The sunny hours wasted by thee, O woman, at card-playing is deplorable. The day was given for useful labor. The reaper will find thy task incomplete, and shame and confusion will be thine.

4781

Success means a thousand things to a thousand men.

4782

Occupation is a leveler of men. We prate to the contrary, but observation confirms.

4783

Music is expression. Its great composers are they who have walked beneath the surface, have ridden the clouds and seek to transcribe a soul's experience in its devious wanderings.

4784

Selfishness sneaks in every time we leave the door ajar, to spoil our generous promptings.

4785

HEAVEN is the goal of the churchman, but were the unbelievers excluded it would be a less attractive country, and is there any reason to suppose that a God of love would exclude them from future happiness having endowed them with penetrating and logical minds and placed them upon earth with full privilege of exercising all the faculties they possess?

4786

Guilty ! Guilty ! Guilty ! Guilty ! Swings the pendulum of crime which is beyond the reach of courts to stop.

4787

Flowers cover our caskets and our graves. Thus we are loved in death.

4788

Lamentation—of what avail? It were meant for men to suffer to teach them compassion.

4789

The final chapter of a life may never be written. Immortality and eternity preclude.

4790

Henceforth let thy daily prayer be to progress, thereby preparing to cast off the obsolete and to be ready to garb thyself in new ideas.

4791

If you have a little money and a modicum of reason you will know that it takes longer to earn it than to spend it. So beware of barter. The scales should balance or you are cheated.

4792

If I should envy any it would be one who had passed the limitations of earth after having done a great and lasting work for humanity.

4793

WHITHER do we go when we die, and can we return? Millions testify today that the second question is simpler than the first, which must remain unanswered until a sixth and a seventh sense have been added to the useful five.

4794

Laughter is a lubricant.

4795

Civilization's call is for plows, not warships. The world is fed by one and starved by the other.

4796

Under the wings of time lies hidden the destiny of nations.

4797

Selfish thoughts line every path, darting back and forth the livelong day.

4798

Man, know thy stomach. An impolite command says one; a timely warning says another, and the least heeded say all.

4799

A flowing tongue and a dry heart oft lead a man to worldly success.

4800

That the ends of society more evenly balance, rudeness should be met with politeness, and politeness should not be repulsed by rudeness.

4801

Failing to do a great thing for humanity, hesitate not to do the small kindnesses, the aggregate of which may be of more value than the one, both to thyself and the world.

4802

Though the populace shout when the ruler passes by, if he does not honor the position he will feel the irony if he be not brass, and himself despise.

4803

OH, blest the hour when the soul withdraws from its earthly tenement, but have a care, O mortal, that it is not turned out against its will; for as long as Nature and Nature's God are in partnership thou wilt suffer any infraction of law and order.

4804

Idleness corrodes the brain, making it almost useless as a thinking machine.

4805

The least we can do for our brothers and sisters of earth is to be agreeable. Alas! that we are so thoughtless that we needlessly wound!

4806

Commonsense makes uncommon folk.

4807

It is misleading to give a crooked answer to a straight question. Silence sufficeth.

4808

Honesty hindereth the gathering of shekels, and benevolence the hoarding of them.

4809

Silence is not always wisdom: it is often lack of courage to speak the truth.

4810

Every life should be rounded with a measure of handwork. An idle hand reveals a palsied mind.

4811

When one's pride exceeds one's education there will be progress in spite of limitations.

4812

Too much patience is frequently a sin. There is a place to speak and one's lips should not be dumb in the conflict of right living.

4813

God giveth man hope and light to make his way through a strange world.

4814

THE contentions amongst the various sects of Christendom is a sign of a new dispensation, and the angel of change is troubling the stagnant pool that the factions may be healed of their many infirmities.

4815

The price of thinking is fatigue; the result, priceless.

4816

When one becomes perfect one may condemn. Until that time be kind.

4817

To lead in the social whirl one must be possessed of a species of vanity and a willingness to be conspicuous.

4818

Find solace in the thought that heaven has no barred doors. Ye can enter and depart at will.

4819

Lassitude bespeaks poor work. What thou dost, do with energy, though it be but a trifle and naught depends.

4820

Needs are few, but nimble is desire. It spreadeth like a grass fire and keeps thee running.

4821

In every quarter of the globe spring thoughts sown by the Great Gardener for the sustenance of the bipeds therein placed.

4822

The devil must be whoever and whatever stands before the gate of progress to keep out the children of earth.

4823

War is so merciless that civilized man can not engage in it. There are grave wrongs everywhere, and there should be found strong and wise men without taint of selfishness to mediate.

4824

WOOLGATHERING is not considered profitable, though it sometimes proves to be; writers, verse-makers, inventors, philosophers and reformers have gone woolgathering, when thrifty neighbors and friends would have put them to other employment.

4825

Man's conscience is his savior; a dull conscience is a weak defender.

4826

Most bitter hour! To reach the end and realize that ye have done nothing to make the world a fairer dwelling-place.

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Be calm, and whatsoever trouble cometh thou canst easier bear.

4828

In thy desire to serve God thou mayest slight man who needs thee more.

4829

The will to do good and harm none is the very essence of religion.

4830

Whatsoever God and the angels have done in the past they are doing now.

4831

At a breakneck pace runs time, but a man must keep abreast or be engulfed. With hand and brain he must work. An idler hath no part in real life. Idleness is a disgrace. The race is swift, gird ye for it.

4832

Though fashion proclaims herself the daughter of Art, Art repudiates close relationship of so changeful a creature.

4833

Zaccheus climbed a tree, and were I to use this for a text I should make this point: that he who climbs extends his vision.

4834

THERE are many signs by which we recognize our closest friends. There is a silent language, a reaching out upon similar lines of thought and the imbibing of new truths that creates and cements friendships that years will not weaken.

4835

Ofttimes the hard, dry speech of true friendship cuts deep.

4836

Immortality is the hope and comfort of the present life.

4837

To be sweet-tempered is like walking in a rose-garden, but ill-nature is a tramp over stones and briers that bruise and pierce and make rough the way.

4838

Yet a little while and we are not here. The traveling ego has moved onward, not changed methinks but of clearer sight and more earnest purpose because convinced that death hath not destroyed personality and made of us nonentities.

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Evolution is the keynote of Nature.

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Through the patient ministrations of time, Twentieth-Century religion has become less a matter of belief and more a matter of conduct, therefore man's head rests more securely on his shoulders.

4841

At the behest of no man do that which thy innermost conscience dost not approve. This rule will hold thee above suspicion and keep thee from temptation.

4842

When art and work are playfellows, the rumblings of discontent will not be heard above the laughter.

4843

MAN, treat thy stomach with respect. It is worthy. It crieth with a loud voice saying: " I will resent every insult offered me to the uttermost of my God-given privilege. I am the companion of thy brain."

4844

When the prejudiced historian perverts history into apology, unintentionally he induces to deeper research.

4845

A daily pause in the rush of living for the benediction of the spirit is both needful and refreshing.

4846

Sweet words that melt in the mouth may hold the poison of asps.

4847

The idle rich and the idle poor are ticketed over different routes to the same destination.

4848

If a catapult of harsh words is turned on, you slip into the invisible protection of silence.

4849

Children are choked by the very air they breathe. So full is it of man-made laws that initiative is suppressed and imitation encouraged.

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The fragrance of a flower oft draws the curtain of the past.

4851

Call me not irreverent if I say that God is growth.

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Science has brightened the physical world and it must also light the spiritual realm, and at length the head and the heart shall agree and true religion be scientific living, a harmonious blending of the spiritual and physical—then will mortals be lifted out of coarseness into fineness and the troubles of earth be few.

4853

WHOSOEVER sheddeth man's blood is evermore an outcast from peace; his days are darkness and his nights are haunted; memory flogs him and conscience flays, and who can tell whether or not this will ever end?

4854

Our temperamental defects are slower to correct than our mental deficiencies.

4855

If woman would speak wisely she would always be heard. When she shrills like a scold, repines, upbraids or bedraggles her robes with gossip, she loses charm and ranks with the weak who have no voice in vital things.

4856

The commonplace is everywhere conspicuous; yet could we see under the coarse surface we might discover qualities of mind fit to shine had environment been favorable. Let this thought move us to charity.

4857

Gold is a poor exchange for character; and to part with principle for a piece of silver marks a rogue; the time is coming when the traffic in votes will merit the scorn of all men and women of common decency; even little children will point with shame to the politician who betrays the people to boost himself.

4858

Happiness abides not long at a time, but comes and goes like the sun on April days.

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If ye could read the starved soul of Poverty's beauty-loving child, thy Yuletide gift would sometimes be a flower or even a jewel. Hands and feet might be bare and cold, but the happy little heart would be warmed. In the joy of possessing that which the world calls superfluous, rags would be forgotten and the least of these would glimpse heaven.

4860

GOD save us from our quarrels great and small and teach us to settle our differences without tearing, the flesh like beasts with tooth and claw. Until that time we are not above paint and feathers, and only by stretching the imagination can we assume to be.

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Be not persuaded that thou canst escape the consequences of thy every act against spiritual and physical law. No jury of men has power to pardon, and the Great Lawgiver can not be wheedled with many petitions. The breaking of a law is a personal loss.

4862

Repression is a kind of fear.

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That each one born into the world finds a way out no one doubts. Therefore some declare that accidents are not and that whatever fate one meets is one's own manner of exit. Truly we know not the why of daily happenings, any more than we can trace the Alpha and Omega of souls.

4864

As a little child I craved love, and as I grew to maturity it became more and more the staff of life upon which my soul was nourished. Oh! I pity the struggling one who is denied this gift of heaven and starves of loneliness! Of such there be many whose voice is never heard in the roar of money.

4865

The lure of exciting pleasures results in personal defeat. True and lasting pleasure comes from earnest effort to uplift the spirit above the commonness of vulgarity and brutality. Many in their plunge after novelty forget decency. Their rudeness is brazen; though their garments be of spun silk their mental and moral nakedness can not be concealed.

4866

WHEN the Angel of Death calls on thy neighbor believe not that the message is not welcome to the Spirit that receives it. Nothing is by chance, and whatever is, is ordered even to the hour of snuffing out the candle.

4867

To read another through one's own mind is logical but ofttimes most unfair, for the reason that to follow a wrong premise carries to a false conclusion and no one is quite sure of their starting-point when analyzing friend or stranger.

4868

Human nature varies little the world over. This may be explanatory of our slowness in learning it. As centuries pass we make tardy advancement, are ever committing the same blunders, and showing the same foibles and virtues that other peoples have paraded.

4869

Our neighbors of the animal world are every whit as much in God's hand as we, and who shall say they are less precious to their Maker? Do they not obey the law and behave themselves better than men? Are they not more temperate and less given to deceit? Let us think upon these things seriously, and mercy shall stay our blows and make us more considerate of their needs.

4870

It is an error to affirm that woman was made for man unless we also affirm that man was made for woman. "Male and female made He them." One is as important as the other, neither is complete alone. Nature's plan would be thwarted. So we should consider them together and believe that they arrived at the same time.

4871

I can not conceive of an hour so precious as this. I live and sing in the Now.

4872

I VERILY believe that if rum were made no more, crime and poverty would decrease, eventually disappearing to the vanishing-point. Yet I am neither an apostle of prohibition nor an advocate of the canteen, but an observer of the bitter fruits. It has laid low the flower of the Nation and made firebrands of the ignorant. It has done so much more evil than good that it might well be classed with the things called infernal.

4873

Each day of thy life do some little thing for another—a gentle word, a smile, a kindly act. These are treasures laid up in heaven and your soul grows rich. A frown, a disposition to oppress, a stinging tongue and selfish tendencies will strip you of most that enters into the making of angels.

4874

Lift up your heads on high and sing hosannas, all ye who feel depressed. It will charge the atmosphere with optimism and make for better conditions. To sulk and to wear a long visage invites annoyance as truly as singing disperses it.

4875

The beginning of wisdom is the love of truth. In comparison, other virtues there are none. It requires no strong lens to perceive it. It is simple and homely and has roots in the soul until torn out by lying sophistry.

4876

Could all men and women be housed, fed and clothed without personal effort, would they all be happy? No happier than they are working for easier conditions. There is no more happiness at the end than along the way.

4877

Dost thou perceive imperfection moving steadily toward perfection, thou art an optimist and dwellest in faith, hope and charity.

4878

THE foundation of character was laid with the world, and little by little each man builds his individual structure upon it: strong, weak, flimsy, ornate, enduring, crumbling, symmetrical, out of plumb, beautiful or ugly; a lasting credit or a lasting disgrace; a structure he can not hide nor tear down. There it stands with his name graven on the plate, to be admired or condemned.

4879

While we are traveling on the globe let us not resent our neighbor's interest in our affairs. To mind one's own business is creditable, but to take no interest in those about us is unpardonable selfishness.

4880

Direct questions are not invariably impertinent. The prompting motive makes them so or not so. Therefore let your answers be soft and free from sting, lest you wound a kindly soul whose thought is not stimulated by curiosity.

4881

So far as we know, one man is as near God as another; but the bad man misses most everything that makes for happiness and piles up misery for himself with every wrong act, making his feet lead and his path dangerous.

4882

When buying gewgaws remember this: there is enough of beauty awaiting small silver which does not degrade and outrage taste. Better nothing and an artistic mental picture than tawdry display and a sightless mind.

4883

Of all the hobbies that man likes to ride is a gastronomic race with Dame Nature. He is possessed of the notion that he can win. He never has. The Dame is invincible, outriding the strongest and swiftest down to defeat.

4884

THE monkey-shines of officeseekers would be ludicrous were they not mischievous. They caper and prance for votes. They blow horns and strut for applause. They play upon the personal pronoun and sing roundelays in self-praise. Their vanity exceeds their ability, their greed their honesty. Oh, for a Washington or a Lincoln who sought first the public weal and forgot self-glory!

4885

If the psychic life is the blossom of the physical life, alas, that there be one barren stalk!

4886

It seemeth to me that a kind heart, a clean mind and a helpful hand are the essentials of religion, and that theological limits and beliefs are scarce worth mention in this Twentieth Century.

4887

No man remains in bondage to another if he have courage to free himself. Master and slave are no more. White, yellow and black are equal before the law; but social status is marked by a pigment that does not change.

4888

God only knows how they suffer who taste the gall and wormwood of murder. Let God in His mercy smite them from earth, and not ye who know not but that ye commit the same awful deed. Let us boast not while the State takes away the breath of life that God has breathed into man's nostrils.

4889

Searching for ideas is charming pastime; gathering words to clothe them agreeable labor; putting them into book form a timid task; and to let them fly beyond recall a sensation that deadens all conceit. Their imperfections return to torture the mind, and one sighs that one's thoughts are so shabbily arrayed.

4890

WOULD there were more humorists to turn sighs to laughter. Every hour should be broken with a smile. A full day of solemnity depresses as does a dismal cloud that veils the jolly sun. Laugh, ye who desire health! Laugh, ye who would do good work! Laughter was given to man alone. It raises him above the beast.

4891

Repose is not idleness, but harmony. We observe it in them who toil with their hands, and in them who toil with their heads; but in them who toil not there is always discord and a restlessness that betrays lack of polite deportment.

4892

No one can count the cost of a bad act. It reaches to the ends of civilization and is a leaden weight on the body politic. Let this be a text for Sunday sermons, that more be impressed with a sense of individual responsibility.

4893

Art recognizes no class. Its apostles are born amongst high and low, midst splendor and squalor. Many perish at the threshold of life, some are slain by indolence, but a few live to bless mankind and raise them Godward by placing before them objects of lasting beauty.

4894

Love is ever a sweet theme, but the fires of passion die soon. The writer who dips his pen in red-hot flame, depicting scenes that should never be unveiled, flaunting coarse men and brazen women through pages of type, deserves the oblivion that a later generation will accord.

4895

A cheat, be he rich or be he poor, is contemptible in his own estimation; albeit he may swell and puff in public and demand the admiration he can not bestow upon himself because he knows himself as he is.

4896

WHY should men wrangle over sacred books? Why should they not cull from each and every bible something to make lighter the way to the Father's Mansion, whither all are traveling who enter the planet life? All bibles contain the written thoughts of men—God-inspired, man-inspired—and it is not for any cult to contend that one hath all of truth. Let discrimination serve and save us from contention and unseemly boasting.

4897

Express joy in thy countenance, though thou art bruised and sorely wounded, as thou hast no right to spread gloom.

4898

Agriculture, the savior of mankind.

4899

An accusing conscience is an imp that mocks and leers when alone and makes faces when in company, pointing downward every time one glances heavenward.

4900

Open thy mind to fresh thought: this fits thee for today and prepares thee for tomorrow.

4901

Laugh! Laughter was given thee to ease thee of grief. One could not endure the pain of life without it.

4902

If God forced the world to choose between theology and agriculture, we all know the choice.

4903

The sincere are upheld by self-respect; but the insincere have nothing to support them but self-conceit.

4904

Our ideas of justice are crude, as we yet bask in selfishness.

4905

EACH century bringeth a new message to man. The harvest of the past and the present are his, making him richer this hour than since the writing of history.

4906

Music to do thee most good should not always agree with thy mood.

4907

As the Cross suggests suffering, it shall be replaced by a new symbol in a new age when Christ's life and not His death is glorified.

4908

Too much can not be said in favor of construction and against destruction. Let the wise repeat until all believe that it is better to create than to kill.

4909

Regret not a bitter experience if thou hast gained a needful chapter.

4910

He who spares time to defend himself against slander holds his days cheap.

4911

Much do I reveal of myself to a white page that I dare not speak to my neighbor.

4912

Place and power are right for thee only as thou art right for them.

4913

War is misdirected energy.

4914

If thou hast a talent, love it, for it is a slight touch of God upon thy brain to inspire individualism.

4915

Think in thine own generation. Read the past. Believe in the future.

4916

WHITHER? Who knoweth and who careth, if one hath love in his heart and perceiveth God in all things? Surely if every leaf and bud is attended, man shall be guided safely.

4917

Rejoice that nothing is stationary.

4918

Fish for ideas. The stream of life has been well stocked, and if thou art patient thou art sure to net one.

4919

Love nothing more than thy reason. Though it separate thee from past beliefs it will unite thee to those of thine own age.

4920

The pageantry of Time! The longest imagination can not depict the earliest scenes.

4921

A horseless carriage: another dream come true.

4922

The more faith and hope we weave into our daily life, the brighter the fabric.

4923

Dependence kills energy, it ruins ambition and marks decay.

4924

When the heart is young the mind is elastic and bends to the cares of life rather than breaks.

4925

Meet the world with a laugh and a song. Sighing and weeping are thy secrets and not to be exposed.

4926

The best books of the world are as gold and silver, and the wise thoughts of men contained therein blazing jewels in the crown of life.

4927

A high ideal should make a more practical and useful citizen, for he who hath a vision of better things ahead travels toward them.

4928

The day we cease to think, that day we die.

4929

O art! To thee must man look to deliver him from grossness. To the ideal must he build if he would rise.

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